

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
Kelly Room, Town Hall
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA
March 15, 2018
Minutes

PRESENT:

Pat O'Leary, Vice Chairman
Paul Brooks
Jim Sullivan
Paul Milone
Frank Geary
Nancy Blazo
Karen Graham

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Luongo, Planning Director
Christine Malloy, Recording Secretary

Vice Chairman O'Leary called the meeting of the Waterfront Committee to order at 7:00PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Milone made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of January 18, 2018. Ms. Blazo SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Mr. Milone stated there are plans to move the launch ramp and shed. He is working with the state and Weymouth Police Department on a Marine Fisheries grant.

Vice Chairman O'Leary asked Mr. Milone if he is getting a permit to demolish the current watershed and another permit to build the new watershed. Mr. Milone stated he doesn't need one. Vice Chairman O'Leary suggested Mr. Milone contact Jeff Richards in the Building Department to confirm information about permits both to demolish and build on town land.

Additionally, Mr. Milone stated he is working with the state regarding the drainage issues at the boat launch parking lot area. There are some terrible puddles in this parking lot and he is working to get the lot resurfaced.

Mr. Milone stated he is still working on the Maritime Education Center at Neck Street; the parcel of land he would like to build the center on is still available and now the house adjacent to this parcel of land is for sale; if the town could buy the house that would help this project. Vice Chairman O'Leary stated there are surplus town owned buildings that could be used before the town buys another building. Mr. Milone stated this Maritime Education Center is being formulated in conjuncture with the Recreation Department.

UPDATE - PUBLIC WALKWAY between Lane Beach and Wessagusset Beach

Mr. Luongo stated the public presentation on this project was held on February 27, 2018. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. The biggest question on people's minds was how resilient is this walkway going to be with reference to New England winter storms.

Currently the plan is for a wooden walkway on top of the revetment. It is currently being considered to make the entire walkway out of a pre cast concrete. The Weymouth Police Department was on hand at the meeting to answer questions regarding vandalism/safety. All agreed this walkway will give better access to vandals.

The beach mats used in conjuncture with the beach handicap wheelchair will be removed in the fall.

Mr. Sullivan asked what the town can do to let the citizens know that the Waterfront Committee is aware of the larger problems in the area such as the flooding at Wessagusset Beach area. Mr. Luongo stated this grant can only be used for this specific Public Walkway Project. Mr. Sullivan asked is there a visual map to say and show that we are working on this and this? Mr. Luongo stated yes; that is the next agenda item.

Mr. Luongo stated Coastal Engineering is finishing up design and submitting it for permitting but won't make the cutoff date of June 30th so they will have to ask for an extension.

DURANTE PROPERTY

Mr. Luongo stated Mayor Hedlund made contact with the governor's office and they are getting things rolling with the MBTA on the Durante Property.

- Remediating site (MBTA)
- Don't have a timeframe
- Restore wetlands

Vice Chairman O'Leary stated there is erosion into the platform; the erosion should be dealt with.

MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PREPARATION PROJECT

Mr. Luongo discussed public infrastructure; how to create a plan to make those needs better to climate changes.

- Do an assessment of vulnerability
- Prioritize
- Apply for funding
- Make vulnerability more resilient
- Hold a public workshop meeting 2/8/18 identified and addressed vulnerabilities
 - Seawalls

- Coastal protections
- Elderly population
- Disabled population
- Along shorelines
- Emergency management
- Emergency shelters
- Water supply

Mr. Luongo stated the town needs funding to try to address the problems. This is a daunting task.

Vice Chairman O'Leary asked does the town have any drone pictures of Weymouth's damage from the most recent storm. Mr. Luongo stated probably, ask Mary Ellen Schloss.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waterfront Committee will be held on April 19, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Milone made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 7:51PM. Ms. Blazo SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by:

Paul Brooks
~~Pat O'Leary, Vice Chairman~~
 Clerk

Dated:

4-19-18