WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
Kelly Room, Town Hall
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA
November 21, 2019

Minutes

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PRESENT:

George Mutch Paul Brooks Frank Geary Pat O'Leary Jim Sullivan

NOT PRESENT:

Paul Milone, Harbormaster

Karen Graham Nancy Blazo

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Luongo, Planning Director Christine Malloy, Recording Secretary

Chairman Mutch called the meeting of the Waterfront Committee to order at 7:00PM.

PUBLIC WALKWAY BETWEEN BEACHES - UPDATE

Mr. Luongo reported he is waiting on the Army Corp permit and the Chapter 91 permit. Additionally, there could be corrections/additions to the specs we have submitted. The town will re-apply in the spring when we know where all monies are coming from. There are a couple of projects in the pecking order that the town may want the monies to go to; so, we need to wait and see where the other money is coming from. Didn't apply for the Seaport Grant, will wait and apply for that in the spring also. The town needs to come up with 20% of the monies to get the Seaport grant.

Chairman Mutch asked is there anything the Waterfront Committee can do to help. Mr. Luongo stated no, not at this time. The most important thing is to get the permits in place.

Mr. Brooks asked would the town consider breaking the project up into two projects? Mr. Luongo stated yes, a big hunk of the work is the revetment.

Discussion ensued regarding is this the best use of monies; would be paying for mobilization again and again. Ms. O'Leary suggested apply for a Massworks grant.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN - UPDATE

Mr. Luongo stated the draft plan will be presented in December and available on the town's website. Mr. Luongo will put together a letter of support from this commission. The document goes to the state as a draft for review, they send it back for correction and then the town submits it for final approval. the document will be good for seven years.

Ms. O'Leary made a MOTION to REVIEW and CONCUR in favor of the draft of Open Space and Recreation Plan. Mr. Geary SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

There were 200 responses to the last Open Space Plan survey. The December presentation will be held in council chambers and be televised.

OTHER BUSINESS

SEAWALLS

Mr. Brooks asked this committee to please review if there has ever been a study of the seawalls and water on property/damage to seawalls. An assessment of seawalls, probably done many, many years ago.

- Fore River Avenue
- Johnson Beach
- Wessagusset Beach

Mr. Luongo stated the seawalls are probably discussed in the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Chairman Mutch stated he will reach out to Chip Fontaine and report back to this committee.

Ms. O'Leary stated she believes that the Open Space and Recreation Plan should cover water quality including Whitman's Pond and beaches, etc.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waterfront Committee will be held on January 16, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. O'Leary made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:00M. Ms. Frank Geary SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. ADJOURNED.

Approved by:	Veel & Berch	
-	Paul Brooks	
Dated:	1-16-20	