

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
Kelly Room, Town Hall
75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA
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MINUTES

PRESENT:

George Mutch, Chairman
Paul Brooks, Clerk
Pat O'Leary
Frank Geary
Karen Graham
Nancy Blazo
Paul Milone, Harbormaster

ALSO PRESENT:

Pascale Burga, Councilwoman

Chairman Mutch called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTES

Ms. O'Leary made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of May 23, 2019. Mr. Milone SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Milone made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of October 24, 2019. Mr. Geary SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ms. Graham made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of November 21, 2019. Mr. Geary SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Mr. Milone stated the summer went well; boating has increased 20% since last year. This should be a big season. All is fine at the launch ramp; however, the drainage is not draining properly. The dredging is 10-12 years overdue. The state will pay 50% of the dredging if you are shovel ready (we are not shovel ready).

Chairman Mutch asked if the town does not dredge is there a point where you (the harbormaster) start closing the ramp? Mr. Milone stated he could never see closing the ramp. Discussion ensued. Chairman Mutch stated it may be something that has to be enforced/a limit may need to be set to get the money to get the dredging done; because the town has never dredged since the ramp was installed.

NEW BOAT- delivery June 2020

Mr. Milone stated the *Seawatch* will be sold, a revolving fund to go back into buying a new boat. Revolving fund is \$150,000. Income from sale used as 25% match on new purchase.

LAUNCH RAMP for kayaks

Mr. Milone stated there is a \$15,000 grant from Fisheries. They want all kayaks and boats away from the fish.

FEES for 2020

Chairman Mutch asked Mr. Milone will you be raising fees in 2020? Mr. Milone stated no; launch fees stay the same and mooring fees stay the same. If the fees were to be raised it should be raised because the monies would be helpful for:

- Staff
- Gas
- Boats
- Dredging, etc.

Mr. Milone further stated his department pays for itself each year. Mr. Milone's department costs, approximately \$150,000 to run last year and he brought in \$165,000 in revenue. His department pays for itself and he is proud of that fact.

UPDATE – PUBLIC WALKWAY BETWEEN LANE BEACH AND WESSAGUSSET BEACH

Chairman Mutch reported that Mr. Luongo is away; he will report next month.

OPEN SPACE PLAN

Chairman Mutch stated he believes the comment period is closed. He wishes there was more from the waterways.

FLOATING DOCK (10A PERMITS)

Chairman Mutch stated the mayor suggests being less aggressive with the 10A Permits.

Mr. Milone stated he will do a mass mailing on River Street. Request if dock in the water, take a picture of it and send it in.

Members asked how long has numbers on a dock been a thing/rule? Abandoned docks are scarfing away at the root system and seagrass.

Chairman Mutch stated he needs to review this list with Mr. Milone again.

Ms. O'Leary asked can you condemn a dock? Mr. Milone stated yes; he would wrap it in police tape.

Ms. O'Leary asked was there more beach use this year with the Recreation Department. Mr. Milone stated that's card to judge. Mr. Milone stated he can report they sold more beach parking passes than they ever have before.

OTHER BUSINESS

SHELLFISH

Mr. Milone stated the shellfish are coming back. Devin Winkler tested the water and says there are scallops at Johnson Road Beach.

OPEN SPACE ENFORCEMENT

Ms. O'Leary made a MOTION to instruct the Chairman to write a letter in support of the Open Space and Recreation Plan, 2020. Mr. Brooks SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pascale Burga stated she needs to become familiar with the beach and waterfront area. Chairman Mutch offered to show her around.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waterfront Committee will be held on February 20, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Milone made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:25pm. Ms. Blazo SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Malloy
Recording Secretary

Approved: Paul Brooks, Clerk



Dated: 1-21-21