

Public Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Location: Blue Room
Community Center,
44 Bradford Street
Time: 4:30 pm

Members present: Mel Cote, Gerard Irmer, and Phil Scholl
Members absent: Susan Avellar and Marty Huey (both excused)
Staff: Rex McKinsey (excused)

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Marty Huey

Jerry said that he had received an e-mail from Marty Huey stating that he is interested in staying on the Harbor Committee. He will be through with his treatments soon and is very interested in remaining on the committee. Doug Johnstone was apprised of this and will be swearing in Marty very soon.

Review/amend/approve minutes of 4-16-09

Motion: Move to approve the minutes as amended by Jerry.

Motion: Phil Scholl **Seconded:** Mel Cote **Vote:** 3-0-0.

Public Statements

There were none.

Old Business:

Latest status of 2-5-09 revisions to the 1999 Harbor Plan re: DEP and CZM.

The Harbor Committee is still waiting for the o.k. from the state. Conjecture hints that - with all the budget cuts suffered by the state - that may account for the delay.

65B Commercial St – File No. JD 09-2689

The Harbor Committee was informed that the building is not under Chapter 91 jurisdiction. But the committee should bear in mind that the property seaward at **65A** is under Chapter 91 should any changes be suggested in the future.

New Business:

Status of NoI for beach cleaning—

There was a recent ConCom meeting that Jerry unfortunately missed. Russ Kleekamp from Stearns & Wheler and our Conservation Agent, Brian Carlson, met recently. Brian volunteered to generate everything needed for the Notice of Intent.

A letter was sent to Jerry from Leslie Fields, a coastal geologist, from the Woods Hole Group. In the letter was a proposed cost for two tasks: Task 1 – Letter describing beach raking which will cost \$500, and Task 2 – Attending the ConCom Hearing (optional) which will cost \$700. It was discussed that whenever there is a hearing on this subject Graham Giese would be the person who would be present. Evidently the big key is the rack line.

After a bit more discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: Move to approve \$500 from the Harbor Access Gift Fund to the Woods Hole Group's Task 1 - for preparing the letter for the Harbor Committee. This letter would be filed with the Notice of Intent for the beach cleaning machine.

Motion: Phil Scholl Seconded: Mel Cote Vote: 3-0-0.

Any other business that shall properly come before the Committee

West End Boat Ramp

Rex McKinsey mentioned that the cement approved for the repair of the West End Boat Ramp has fallen out. Rex is researching ways to get funding to redo the entire ramp.

Motion: Move to approve \$500 from the Harbor Access Gift Fund to provide temporary repairs to the West End Boat Ramp.

Motion: Phil Scholl Seconded: Mel Cote Vote: 3-0-0.

Court Street Beach Ramp

Mel spoke about the Court Street beach ramp. There is a drain BUT it fills up right away. It was wondered how the HC could bring that to the DPW's attention. Mel thinks that either it needs new catch basins or a berm to direct rain water elsewhere. Then one of the committee members asked about the plans for the restrooms in the firehouse at that location???? To be continued.....

Catch Basins

Sandy Turner said that she knows that some catch basins need to be fixed. The DPW will be experimenting with porous pavement in the near future. It will be a permeable road surface so that rain will percolate into the ground. Jerry will follow-up with Sandy when she returns from vacation on Monday, the 18th.

Adjournment happened at 4:50 p.m.

**Next HC meeting: Thursday, May 28
Community Center, Blue Room at 4:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by _____ Date _____
Jerry Irmer, Chair