

Public Meeting

Thursday March 11, 2010

Location: Blue Room

Community Center

44 Bradford Street

Time: 4:30 pm

Members present: Susan Avellar, Roger Chauvette,  
Mel Cote, Jerry Irmer, and Phil Scholl.

Member absent: Marty Huey

Staff Liaison: Rex McKinsey (excused)

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

#### AGENDA

Review/amend/approve minutes of 2-25-10

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of February 25th as amended.

Motion: Mel Cote Seconded: Roger Chauvette Vote: 5-0-0.

Public Statements

There were none.

Old Business:

Latest status of 2-5-09 revisions to the 1999 Harbor Plan re: DEP and CZM and review Town Counsel's 2/5 letter.

Jerry sent out 2 e-mails to the committee members and fixing typos was the easy part. Basically he corrected the spelling of the names of the committee members, etc. Also he noted that there are two avenues on Beach Point that seem to overlap or run into one another – so they will be referred to as Dewey/Winston Avenue.

As for amenities supplied by MacMillan Pier – ice is readily available for the fishermen. There are also public restrooms.

On page 25 – in heavy black type – is what the DEP put in. It mentioned a certain map – 1848 map – and the town is supposed to have it. When Jerry went to Schofield Bros to get a copy of their map it was not readily available. There is a map that gave water soundings and was revised in 1857; this is the one that the state refers to. It gives the contour of the shoreline and is what the state is using for the Chapter 91 licenses. They also mentioned the 1939 map and the 1938 hurricane changed a lot of the measurements. Schofield created a waterfront map based on an aerial survey done in 1996. Lou Gitto, who is no longer affiliated with the DEP, said that the state goes by the 1857 map.

Jerry said that there are some minor things that have to be changed in pgs 1 through 30 before the plan is submitted. Mel said to look at pg 35 - Current Objectives. The last paragraph on that page wants clarification.

There was also a discussion on public access and on the bulleted items. Under preservation – maintenance, i.e., natural contour – add “with conservation's approval” after the word “contour.”

The meeting suffered a great deal of confusion regarding pagination. Different people had items on different page numbers but that was eventually ironed out.

Under Universal Guidance – change it to read Chapter 91 Guidelines.

One of the most discussed issues was boat ramps. A “pie in the sky” dream would be to put a double-wide launch ramp somewhere? The existing ramp is in the West End Parking lot and a double ramp would take up the bulk of a local neighborhood bathing beach. The other thoughts were Johnson Street parking lot, the Province-town Inn rotary (unmaneuverable) and Snail Road. It was finally decided to add “and maintain” to: construct “and maintain” a new boat ramp.

Susan mentioned the navigational hazards in the harbor during extreme high tides due to the warning rocks at the ends of jetties having fallen over. These should be noted and/or repaired.

There are no changes in regions A thru F - BUT on region E (Gosnold through Lands End) it should mention Fishermen’s Wharf in there somewhere. Rex spoke to the DEP about this since it does provide public parking. Jerry said that he will figure out the wording and send it out to everyone. You can’t sustain water-dependent only parking and make it financially feasible so that is a reason for allowing parking.

Rex mentioned – as far as public accommodations – like Fishermen’s Wharf – he mentioned the words substitutions – maybe Fishermen’s Wharf should provide picnic areas or some other amenity for the public.

Pages 31 through 36 will be the subject of a new e-mail.

New Business:

Status of NoI for beach cleaning

Not discussed.

Adjournment happened at 5:25 p.m.

Next HC meeting: Thursday, March 25, 2010

Community Center, Blue Room at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

E. Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by the Harbor Committee on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

Jerry Irmer, Chair