

## Cove Commission meeting notes

Date- 05/15/2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Bethany Warburton (Chair), Mark Shapiro, Steve Mendes, Tony DiBella, and Paul Schmidle.

Staff Present: Lea Anthony Hitchen, Assistant Town Planner and Jim Cullen, Harbormaster

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### Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Shapiro to approve the November 21, 2017 minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. DiBella. Approved 5-0.

### Update on Town Dock and Kayak Dock

The construction of the “old” town dock and kayak dock are complete and open to the public.

### Advisory Opinion to Town Council regarding Private Entity Use of Scalloptown Park

The Cove Commission members were generally supportive of a private entity using Scalloptown Park as a passive use but had concerns about insurance liabilities. Mr. Cullen noted that due to Scalloptown being located at the head of the Cove it is safer, shallower and less likely for a user to get in trouble. The Commission felt at this point in the year it was too late but suggested for next year to have the Town put out an RFP (request for proposal) in order to allow a private entity use Scalloptown and encourage multiple businesses to apply.

### Harbormaster Report

Mr. Cullen summarized a conversation he had recently with the Town Manager, Ms. Corrigan; he had explained the subpar existing state of the harbormaster boat and the extent he and the Commission have gone through over the last few years asking for an upgrade in a harbormaster boat. After hearing the scope of work both the Harbormaster and Commission had put into requesting money for a boat upgrade Ms. Corrigan suggested \$45,000 be put towards a harbormaster boat in the upcoming CIP (capital improvement program) noting the Town Council will ultimately make the final decision.

Mr. Cullen asserted he has been working on the moorings and there have been no issues thus far. He will also start patrolling the Cove this weekend (May 19<sup>th</sup>).

A Commissioner inquired as to why the Scalloptown sign located at the entrance to the park had been removed. Staff was not sure what happened to it, maybe was damaged over the course of the winter, but said she would look into it.

### Discussion of Harbor Management Plan update

The Commissioners reviewed chapters 1 and 2 of the HMP. Staff took notes of necessary changes and would make the edits. Moving on to Chapter 3 the Issues, Goals and Policies it was decided to allocate sections to individuals who would make suggestions in time for the next meeting. Ms. Warburton – 1. Harbor District Development Review Process and 2. Commercial Shellfishing; Mr. Shapiro – 3. Public Access; Mr. Schmidle – 4. Water Quality; Mr. DiBella - 5. Preservation of Scalloptown and 6. Fair & Efficient Allocation of Mooring Space; Mr. Mendes – 7. Development of Town-Owned Property and 8. Dredging within Greenwich Cove; and Ms. Hitchen – 9. Coordination of EG/Warwick Jurisdictional Responsibilities.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Schmidle.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by Lea Anthony Hitchen August 21, 2018

Approved on: August 21, 2018

-4 in favor (M. Shapiro, T. DiBella, P. Schmidle, B. Warburton)

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