

Cove Commission meeting notes

Date- 7/1/2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Barbara Brusini, Steve Mendes, Bethany Warburton, and Ken Powell.

Commissioners Absent: Richard Friend (Chair) and Nicole Rainville.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Ms. Warburton to approve the May 6, 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Mendes. Approved 4-0.

Harbormaster Report:

Mr. Cullen reported all moorings are up to date; June 1st is the date of forfeiture. The patrol boat is back from New England Inflatables and all equipment/parts are functioning again.

Mr. Cullen informed the Commission the East Greenwich Yacht Club hosted the annual Blessing of the Fleet last Saturday where there were 33 boats in the procession.

Since last month Mr. Cullen noted there were two out-of-the-ordinary incidents he had to deal with – one was with kids playing on derelict docks during a windy day to which the dock got hung up on an empty mooring. The other incident involved a break-in on a boat but Mr. Cullen felt as though it was an isolated case.

Commission's Requests to Town Council (Final Letter signed by Chair)

The Commission unanimously felt comfortable sending the written letter by former Commissioner Pearson to the Town Manager and Town Council. Although Chair Friend was not present he added a cover page which was signed by those Commissioners present. Ms. Hitchen asserted she would send the signed letter to the Town Manager and request it be docketed to a Town Council meeting for discussion.

Complaint & Demand for Injunctive Relief

The Commissioners were pleased to see the Town has taken the necessary action regarding the Harris Marina as it is a positive move in the right direction in order to reclaim the ROW.

Rights of Way Discussion:

A comment was made the "No Parking" sign at the King Street ROW has been moved and no longer anchored to the ground.

Change in Meeting Schedule:

The Commissioners discussed changing the meeting schedule due to the first Wednesday at 4 pm not being convenient. They modified the date and time to the first Thursday at 5:30 PM. The Commission will meet on the following dates for the remainder of 2015: August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd.

Commissioner's Roundtable:

Ms. Warburton noted she would research possible grants for dredging.

The next meeting/workshop will be held on Thursday, August 6th at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.