

Cove Commission meeting notes

Date- 9/3/2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Richard Friend, Barbara Brusini, Steve Mendes, Ken Powell, Bethany Warburton, and Nicole Rainville.

Staff Present: Lea Anthony Hitchen, Assistant Town Planner.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Powell to approve the August 6, 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by Ms. Brusini. Approved 4-0.

Update of CRMC ROW Shoreline Access Signs

Ms. Hitchen displayed the CRMC shoreline access signs that were tacked on to a white backboard by the DPW Department; the sign will ultimately be added to a composite post and installed at the six right-of-ways. Both staff and Commissioners felt the signs were lackluster in appearance. The suggestions made included to add the name of the ROW, the definition of a ROW and to go to BUILD-A-SIGN.com for more ideas.

Correspondence

Ms. Hitchen indicated there were no correspondence and no mooring issues to discuss.

Harbormaster Report:

Mr. Cullen was not present.

Surveying Proposals - ROWS:

Ms. Brusini researched the cost of preparing land surveys for all six right-of ways. She had contacted Alpha Associates who gave her a cost of \$7500 to perform a boundary layout for all six. If the Commission wanted a Class I survey an additional \$600 for each ROW would be added to cost. Ms. Hitchen suggested adding this to the CIP.

July 2016 Fireworks Proposal:

Mr. Mendes explained he discussed with Steve Hughes, the Fire Marshal but still needs to talk with the Police Chief about a fireworks display. Representatives of Goddard Park still need to be notified. Mr. Friend suggested there should be an exclusion area for boats, etc. and the Coast Guard should be notified.

Grants for Potential Dredging Greenwich Cove:

Ms. Warburton explained that she had researched potential grants for dredging; she came up empty handed for specifically dredging alone but did find the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program which can be coupled with projects such as floating docks, piers, navigational aids, boat slips, and/or restrooms. She noted the deadline to apply is September 18th and would need to be sponsored by RIDEM – the Commission should apply for the 2016 grant cycle. The Town will also be responsible for paying 25 percent of project costs. Mr. Friend volunteered to inquire with Ms. Lisa Primeano at RIDEM.

Mr. Friend commented that he talked with someone at Dickerson's boatyard located in Apponaug who has dredged four times over the course of eight years; they had to receive permission from CRMC, Army Corp. of Engineers as well as RIDEM.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Rainville, seconded by Ms. Brusini.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.