

## **Cove Commission meeting notes**

Date- 3/14/2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Nicole Rainville

Others Present: Town Council President Michael Isaacs and Councilor Bill Stone.

Staff Present: Lea Anthony Hitchen, Assistant Town Planner and Town Manager, Tom Coyle.

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### **Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation for Harris Marina.**

Ms. Brusini motioned to go into Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss Harris Marina. Seconded by Ms. Warburton. VOTE: 4 – 0.

Following the Executive Session, Ms. Warburton motioned to return to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Mendes. VOTE: 4 – 0, all in favor.

Motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session by Ms. Warburton, seconded by Mr. Mendes. VOTE: 4 – 0, all in favor.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

January 11, 2016 minutes tabled to the following meeting.

### **July 2016 Fireworks at Greenwich Cove – update from Mr. Mendes:**

Mr. Mendes updated the Commission as well as Mr. Coyle, Mr. Isaacs and Mr. Stone with his efforts of implementing a July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display launched from a barge in Greenwich Cove. He noted West Bay Dental would be the sponsor of the \$25,000 18-minute fireworks display. He recently submitted an application to the Coast Guard and has discussed the idea of a fireworks display with other people that were expressly addressed at a meeting in Town Hall from various department heads, those being DEM Fish and Wildlife, DEM Chief of Parks, availability of porta-pottis and lighting. He also talked to the Warwick administration and discussed a washout date with Atlas Pyro Vision.

Mr. Coyle advised that he will want the fireworks discussed at an upcoming Town Council and department heads will need to budget for manpower, specifically DPW, Parks & Recreation, Police and Fire Departments.

### **Summary of Meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> with Stuart Malec, Grant Coordinator for Congressman Langevin re: Boating Infrastructure Grant Program**

Ms. Warburton summarized the meeting she and Ms. Hitchen had with Mr. Malec who was extremely receptive to helping us and informed us he would explore and inquire with his contacts for possible other funding opportunities. He recommended we talk to Federal Aid Coordinator at RI Fish and Wildlife Ms. Veronica Masson who can provide assistance for the Boating Infrastructure Grant and can explain the difference between the Tier 1 and Tier 2 grant programs. Mr. Malec also suggested Congressman Langevin can provide a letter of support for the project.

The Commissioners discussed potential projects to apply for, i.e. dredging, upgrade ramp, structural upgrades, Town marina, harbormaster office, etc.

Mr. Powell suggested the idea of making the existing boat launch/town dock the place for the proposed town marina and creating a passive launch site for kayaks, canoes and skiffs at the Rocky Hollow ROW. The Commissioners respected the idea as the boat launch and town dock are surrounded by town owned land, has more land, and is located in recreation waters. Ms. Hitchen would contact Mr. Cullen to get his opinion of the idea.

#### **Elections:**

Tabled until Staff can research if having a Chair and Vice-Chair is required.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Brusini, seconded by Mr. Mendes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.