

Cove Commission meeting notes

Date- 6/13/2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mark Shapiro, Steve Mendes, Ken Powell, and Barbara Brusini.

Commissioners Absent: Nicole Rainville and Bethany Warburton.

Others Present: Gene Dumas.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Brusini motioned to approve the May 9, 2016 minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Shapiro.
Approved 4 – 0.

King Street ROW

Ms. Hitchen informed the Commission that there was a sales transaction regarding 20 Water Street where the King Street ROW resides; 20 Water Street Realty (aka the Marinosci's) sold the property to Blu Realty (aka the Chelo brothers) on May 26, 2016. The Commission should inform the new owner of their responsibility to allow public access to this particular ROW all the time.

Mr. Gene Dumas, representing the E.G. Preservation Society, posed the question as to whether it is possible to obtain a couple of temporary parking spaces on the ROW, particularly for elderly visitors of the society since parking is at a premium in the vicinity. The Commission advised there have been no parking signs posted on the ROW for the last couple of years. If there is a special event at the society the Commission suggested working with the East Greenwich Yacht Club for the use of their parking lot. Ms. Hitchen noted the Town has been working towards landscaping and finishing the landscaping work that Mr. Marinosci started on the western portion of the ROW that would include where vehicles often park.

Fireworks, July 4th

Mr. Mendes confirmed with the Commission he is prepared and ready to go for the July 4th fireworks presentation. There will be free parking at St. Luke's Church and the display has been promoted on the Patch, town website, PTG, schools, and several restaurant owners. Logistics were discussed regarding Scalloptown Park and road closures leading up to event at 9 pm. Mr. Cullen talked with Jeff Baris about helping out at the event but he may be unavailable due to impending surgery.

Update re: Town Boat Ramp "Hole"

Staff informed the Commission the DPW has successfully filled the hole at the end of the boat ramp on Thursday, June 2nd with no issues.

In other associated news it appears the Goddard Park boat ramp is nearing completion which may alleviate the amount of usage on the Town's boat ramp as more people may want to use the new ramp across the Cove. The Goddard Park ramp looks as though it is twice the size as East Greenwich's boat ramp.

Harbormaster Report

Mr. Cullen informed the Commission that the boating season has been fairly quiet so far although just yesterday he towed in a couple on a boat as well as a group of four paddleboarders. Mr. Cullen noted both paddleboard companies are back in business from last year – located at Norton's and Harbourside.

Mr. Cullen stated he has all the moorings under control and has talked to Scott Leigh about pulling out the old ones that are no longer being used. He added there were 10 mooring openings which have since been filled. The only one issue is Mr. Laforge and Mr. Cullen is currently dealing with it.

When asked about transient moorings, Mr. Cullen commented he occasionally receives requests for transient moorings and can usually make arrangements for a transient when a mooring owner is away with their approval.

Mooring Fee Discussion

Ms. Hitchen informed the Commission that the Town Council liked the recommendation of increasing the fees of \$15 for in-town, \$50 for out-of-town residents and zero increase for commercial.

Elections:

Tabled until the following meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.