

Cove Commission meeting notes

Date- 10/19/2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mark Shapiro, Steve Mendes, Ken Powell, Bethany Warburton and Barbara Brusini (arrived at 5:45 pm).

Commissioners Absent: Nicole Rainville.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Powell to approve the June 13, 2016 and August 16, 2016 minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Shapiro. Approved 5 – 0.

Waterfront Master Plan

Mr. Cullen commented that local marinas are at or near capacity with many marinas having a waiting list and they are raising their rents by up to 25 percent.

Staff mentioned there are plans to have a joint meeting with the Planning Board to initiate recommendations to the Town Council for the waterfront.

Rocky Hollow ROW

Staff asserted the Town received the lowest bid from Bilray demolition company to remove the Harris shack. Town staff will be meeting with representatives from the company and CRMC on site in the next week to discuss the logistics of the demolition.

Staff informed the Commission the RWU students have visited the Planning Department and the Rocky Hollow ROW to see the existing conditions but would like to revisit the area once the shack has been removed.

Removal of Derelict Docks in Cove

Ms. Hitchen and Mr. Cullen explained the derelict docks that the Commission had originally discussed of being hauled in and demolished when the shack was removed were ultimately hauled in by the harbormaster and chopped up by a DPW crew over the course of two days. The timing of the tides and weather conditions was near perfect and the project was completed very efficiently according to Mr. Cullen.

Harbormaster Report

Mr. Cullen informed the Commission the boating season officially ended Columbus Day weekend; he will be hauling out the harbormaster boat in the next couple of weeks and DPW will be winterizing it. He advised the Commission the boat is in desperate need of maintenance and replacement parts. The Commission recommended Mr. Cullen prepare a detailed letter addressing his concerns of the harbormaster vessel as well as different solutions and costs involved. The letter would be added to the November Cove Commission meeting for action.

Mooring Issues

No mooring issues.

Elections:

Tabled until the following meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.