

Cove Commission meeting notes

Date- 1/17/2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Bethany Warburton, Barbara Brusini, Steve Mendes, Mark Shapiro, Nicole Rainville, and Alex Clegg.

Commissioners Absent: Ken Powell.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Shapiro to approve the October 19, 2016 minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Mendes. Approved 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Shapiro to approve the December 7, 2016 minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Clegg. Approved 4-0.

Waterfront Access & Enhancement Plan

The Commission reviewed the recommendations outline prepared by Planning Board Chair Steve Brusini based on the December 7, 2016 joint meeting with the Planning Board. They indicated the outline captured the important points and topics presented during the workshop. Phase I of the development should be the implementation of a marina which is the anchor of the project.

Staff noted she would use the outline to create the draft letter to the Town Council regarding the recommendations suggested. Mr. Shapiro volunteered to help prepare the letter.

Harbormaster Report

Mr. Cullen informed the Commission the patrol boat has been stored and shrink-wrapped for the winter. He has a scheduled meeting with the Town Manager and Police Chief to discuss the opportunities for a harbormaster boat this upcoming season. Mr. Cullen still feels as though the best option would be for the Town to purchase a used boat for about \$20,000.

The Commissioners recognized they still have not seen the language for the existing patrol boat purchased by Department of Homeland Security funds. Ms. Warburton noted she would contact Police Chief Brown in order to get a copy of the DHS boat contract.

Mr. Cullen said he has reached out to Mark Blaney of Gooseberry Dock Builders as well as Narragansett Dock Works for estimates of dock construction.

Mooring Issues

No mooring issues.

Elections:

Tabled until the following meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Rainville, seconded by Mr. Shapiro.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.