

**TOWN OF STONINGTON  
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MYSTIC RIVER BOATHOUSE PARK IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE  
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Stonington Police Department Meeting Room  
173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379  
Monday, October 3, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

The Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee and the Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special joint meeting on this day, Monday October 3, 2022, at the Stonington Police Station.

Present were: Nick Kepple, Chairman; Mike O'Neill, Vice Chairman; Mike Crowley, Tom Switz, Steve Planchon, Farouk Rajab, Jim Kelley, Danielle Chesebrough, Stonington First Selectman; June Strunk, Stonington Board of Selectman; Debbie Downie, Stonington Board of Selectman, Director of Economic and Community Development Susan Cullen and Chad Frost, Principal, Frost + Kent.

1. Call to Order - Chairman Kepple and First Selectman Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Kepple led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Seating of Alternates – Jim Kelley was seated as an alternate.
4. Chairman Kepple asked Tom Switz to volunteer to take the minutes for this meeting and he agreed.
5. Comments from the Public – There weren't any public comments.
6. Approval of Minutes – The minutes for the August 1, 2022 joint special meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Farouk Rajab and seconded by Mike Crowley to approve the minutes from the meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
7. Correspondence – No Correspondence was presented.

8. Old Business – Chairman Kepple noted that the lease agreement between the Town of Stonington and the Stonington Community Rowing Center was overwhelmingly approved by the town residents with a large turnout at the September 12, 2022 Town meeting.

Susan Cullen reported that agreements are in place for the Licensed Environmental Professional (AECOM), Landscape Architect (Chad Frost) and Geotechnical Engineer (Down to Earth Consulting, LLC). The Civil Engineer and Groundwater Monitoring contracts are currently being worked on. The dockside engineering will be next.

Susan Cullen will provide the committee with a link to a Gantt chart for a hopeful schedule to open the park which will include estimated timelines for the permits needed.

9. Updates on Master Plan and Site Plan Process: Chad Frost presented an updated final Park Plan for review. The Plan included eliminating the bus drop off and parallel parking along Route 27, a wider pedestrian side walk and an updated drop off and parking layout. The Committee liked the final plan and Chad will email it out to all Committee members for final comments. Chad reported that AECOM has been hired to finalize the living shoreline. Chad also passed out working drawings for options on benches, lighting and bike racks for review and comments from the Committee. Discussion followed his presentation and a motion was made by Mike O'Neill and seconded by Mike Crowley to have Chad email out to all Committee members the final Master Plan and the updated Site Furnishings (Benches, Bike rack and Bollard lighting options) for all Committee members to vote on approving the final Master Plan and vote on their choice for the Site Furnishings. The email choices and comments must be returned to Chad within 48 hours and if a member does not respond their vote will be counted as approval of the final Master Plan.

Updates on additional areas of work on the park related to LEP and Environmental work: Selectman Debbie Downie reported that a sampling of the existing groundwater monitoring wells need to be completed over the next 4 seasons by Down to Earth, LLC and will be turned into the State and a draft is being put together with a hopeful start date of next summer.

Updates on Stonington Community Rowing Center progress: Vice Chairman Mike O'Neill reported they are making good progress in fundraising and are hoping to have construction drawings and a budget put together soon.

The discussion on Park Name Considerations was tabled until the November meeting.

10. New Business – Selectman Danielle Chesebrough reminded any Committee member to request reappointment if their term has expired and that the Town is still looking for a recording secretary for the meetings.

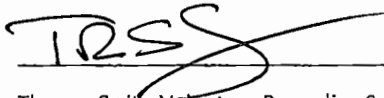
The Committee agreed to continue with scheduled meetings on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion on naming and fundraising opportunities was brief and will be continued at the November meeting.

11. Comments from the Public, Committee and Board of Selectmen – There were no additional comments from the Public, Committee or Board of Selectmen.

12. Adjourn – A motion was made by Mike O'Neill and seconded by Mike Crowley to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Switz', is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Switz, Volunteer Recording Secretary