

**TOWN OF STONINGTON
MYSTIC RIVER BOATHOUSE PARK IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Stonington Police Department Meeting Room
173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379

Monday, December 4, 2023

6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

Present were Mike Crowley, Tom Switz, Mike O'Neil, Steve Planchon, Tim O'Brien, Nick Kepple, Jim Kelley, Breck Perkins, and Susan Cullen.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Seating of Alternates (if necessary)

4. Comments from the Committee Members

5. Approval of minutes for the MRBIC Meeting of October 2, 2023

Tim O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2023, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor, 5-0.

6. Correspondence

7. Old Business

8. New Business

a. Establishment of dates and times for 2024 meetings

The Committee agreed to move the meeting time to 5 PM for 2024, however they will still meet on the first Monday of each month. The first Monday in January falls on a holiday so they will instead hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 9th.

b. Update from Chad Frost, Landscape Architect

They have been working with RACE to submit plans to DEEP, however they are waiting for a portion of the plans, specifically the ramp accessibility dimensions, to be signed off on. They have also been working with their traffic engineer to attain OSTA approval. The initial response included the possibility of requiring a right turn only into the lot - they are pushing back to see if other options are available. The project is currently waiting for approvals from DEEP and the DOT. It can take a number of months to hear back from DEEP; the committee is hoping to have this approval by early spring.

The committee discussed other options to solve the "right turn only" issue. As for the RFP, Dr. Cullen is waiting to hear back from the Financial Director for final comments. There is no current timeline or award date for the RFP but the hope is that a construction manager can be chosen within a month or so if the RFP is sent out soon.

c. Update on Grant Funding

The Committee is currently waiting to hear back on two grants. One is dependent on the other, so if one is awarded then they will receive both. The Town expects to hear by Christmas.

Mr. Frost recommended that once a construction manager is on site, they can begin work on the site/foundation while the rest of the funds have not been raised in an effort to save months of building time.

d. Update from Community Rowing - Mike O'Neil

Drawings have been submitted to the town for review; it is a unique building so they are attempting to provide as much clarity as possible. They are awaiting certain answers to finalize their drawings and hope to be complete by the end of January. The building is ready to be demolished according to Mr. O'Neil.

e. Discussion of Next Steps

The next steps are contingent on confirmation of plans from the First Selectwoman and hearing back from the funding requests. They have received permission to transfer the permit from the town's name into the contractor's name. The Town is not allowed to conduct the demolition. The site drawings are almost complete but are good enough to use for pre-construction bids.


Mr. O'Brien will be stepping down from this Committee as the time of next year's meetings conflict with his schedule. He remains supportive of this project and welcomes anyone to reach out with questions.

f. Discussion of Status of Budget

9. Comments from the Public

10. Adjournment

Mr. O'Neil made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all in favor, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

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Derek Berube
Recording Secretary