

**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, August 1, 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 August, 1, 2022, at the Stonington Police Station.

Present were: Nick Kepple, Chairman; Mike Crowley, Tom Switz, Steve Planchon, Tim O'Brien, Jim Kelley, Alternate member Rick Broberg, 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, Chad Frost, Principal, Frost + Kent and David Lamb from the Stonington Community Rowing Center.

1. Call to Order - Chairman Kepple and First Selectman Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 November 1, 2021, May 2, 2022 and July 18, 2022 joint special meetings were presented for approval. A motion was made by Tom Switz and seconded by Tim O'Brien to approve the minutes from the 3 meetings as presented. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
7. Correspondence – No Correspondence was presented.
8. Old Business – Updates on Master Plan and Site Plan Process: Chad Frost passed out working drawings for options on benches, lighting and bike racks for review and comments from the

Committee. Discussion followed his presentation and it was generally agreed that the Committee favored a more traditional than contemporary look in materials that would align well with the look of the boathouse. Chad Frost will come back to the Committee with some more options.

Updates on additional areas of work on the park related to LEP: Selectman Debbie Downie reported that a schedule needs to 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: First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough reported that strong headway continues to made.

9. New Business – Discussion - Draft lease between Town and Stonington Community Rowing Center: First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough reported that the draft lease was being worked on and was hopeful that the draft would be ready by next Wednesday for first review and finalized by the end of August. If so, it will be presented for the September 12, 2022 town meeting.

Update on August 6, 2022 (TBC) community event: First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough reported that the new date of the next community event will be August 31, 2022 and will be held at Latitude 41 Restaurant at the Mystic Seaport.

Discussion – Official naming of the park (possible action item): General discussion was held regarding the process of selecting the park name and a few potential parks names were discussed. It was generally agreed on that the Boathouse Committee would settle on a park name, send it to the Recreation Department and then onto the Board of Selectman for final approval. Chairman Kepple asked Committee members to speak with community members and discussion will continue at next month's meeting. David Lamb from the Stonington Community Rowing Center Group suggested naming the park Mystic Boathouse Park. Rick Broberg agreed and said he favored a short park name.

10. Comments from the Public, Committee and Board of Selectmen – There were no additional comments from the Public, Committee or Board of Selectmen.
11. Adjourn – A motion was made by Mike Crowley and seconded by Tim O'Brien to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas Switz, Volunteer Recording Secretary