

**Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Stonington Police Department, Pawcatuck, CT
Monday, June 3, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The Stonington Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee held a regular meeting on this date, Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Stonington Police Department at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mike O'Neill, Vice Chairman; Mike Crowley, Tom Switz, , Jim Kelley and Sandy Tisiere, Recording Secretary; as well as Steve Planchon, Jason Vincent, Stonington Director of Planning and Zoning; Chad Frost, Principal, Kent + Frost, Angela Daughtry, Westerly Sun and interested citizens

Members absent were Rob Simmons, Chairman; Nick Kepple, Tim O'Brien Farouk Rajab and Alan Strunk

Late arrivals: Kathryn Burchenal, Breck Perkins and Steve White

1. Call to order

Vice-Chairman Michael O'Neill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jim Kelley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Kelley was seated as an alternate.

3. Comments from the Public

No public comment.

4. Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Tom Switz and seconded by Mike Crowley to approve the minutes of May 5, 2019 as presented. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. Correspondence

Mike O'Neill said the correspondence was a memorandum to Rob Simmons, Chairman, from Stonington Police Chief Darren Stewart. Mr. O'Neill shared the contents of memorandum including Chief Stewart and the Board of Police Commissioners are aware the project is evolving and changing and have a continued interest in traffic, safety and parking aspects of the project.

6. Old Business

- Discussion – Structures of the Property
Vice Chair O'Neill said this item was discussed at the last meeting. There is ongoing discussion with SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) on what to do with the two structures on the property. There is ongoing development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Stonington and SHPO that is still in the draft stage.
- Discussion – Education Subcommittee
Steve White reported information was presented to the committee at the May 5, 2019 meeting.
- Discussion – Agreement with Friends of Stonington Crew and Town of Stonington
Steve Planchon reported the agreement sub-committee has been meeting and will have a draft agreement to share at the next meeting.
- Discussion – Memorandum of Agreement with SHPO
Chad Frost distributed copies of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Stonington and SHPO. Mr. Frost reported the MOU has been reviewed by the town attorney and will continue to evolve once there is input from the historical consultant.
- Discussion – Historical Consulting
Chad Frost reported that Meg Harper, AHS, Cultural Resource Management, has been hired as the historical consultant for the project. Ms. Harper will review the house and property then speak with the Friends of Stonington Boathouse Committee so she can create the correct verbiage to be added to the MOU about what is being proposed for the property development. Once the MOU is completed, a scope of work will be developed, the Mystic River Boathouse Park Committee will review the scope of

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work and, once approved, it can be presented to the Friends of Stonington Boathouse Committee to be used as a framework for hiring an architect.

The timeline of the construction of the park was discussed. Chad Frost said the timeline he has created will continue once the MOU with SHPO is resolved. Once it is determined where the house will be located on the property, a modified master plan can be developed. This master plan will need approval by the Mystic River Boathouse Park Committee to proceed with the construction of the park. The committee and Mr. Frost agreed a community forum is needed to discuss the changes that have happened to the boathouse park project. Mr. Vincent and Mr. Frost will set up a community forum.

7. **New Business**

• **Discussion – Architect for Boathouse**

Mike O'Neill reported, as Chairman in representation of the Friends of Stonington Boathouse Committee, he met with the current boathouse architect, Anmahian Winslow Architects, to discuss how the base of the project has changed from a stand-alone two-story boathouse to an adaptive reuse of historic building with the addition to house the rowing shells. Based on this knowledge, Anmahian Winslow Architects agreed this project was no longer a fit for their firm. Mr. O'Neill said the Boathouse Committee will start the review process of the other architectural firms who had applied to determine if one of them would be a better fit for the project once they receive the framework determined by SHPO.

8. **Comments from the Public**

Chuck Stevens, Mystic River Park, asked that the renaming of the park be kept under the item of Old Business until it is resolved.

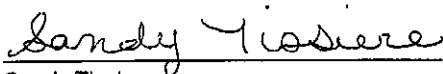
9. **Comments from the Committee**

Tom Switz asked, with the new state government, about the availability of grants going forward. Mr. Vincent said until state budget deliberations are finished, it is unable to know what will be available. Mr. Vincent discussed the grant process of the state. Breck Perkins asked do we have to be to be through regulatory to make an application for a grant. Mr. Vincent said he would have to know what a grant requires to answer that question. Chad Frost said if the Remedial Action Plan was required to apply for a grant, it could be done rather quickly. Jason Vincent said the Remedial Action Plan aligns with the site design because part of the solution for the environmental issues is to use the site design to solve the encapsulation component.

10. **Adjourn**

Mike Crowley made a motion and Steve White seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.
The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted



Sandy Tissièrè
Recording Secretary