

24 APRIL 2014

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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**BOATHOUSE/HAINS PARK IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

7:30pm, MAIN FLOOR MEETING HALL, OLD LYME TOWN HALL

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PRESENT

<b>PG</b>	Paul Gianquinto	Co-Chairman
<b>PF</b>	Paul Fuchs	Co-Chairman
<b>BS</b>	Brian Schuch	Secretary
<b>SS</b>	Skip Sibley	Ex-Officio
<b>GH</b>	Greg Hack	
<b>RR</b>	Rob Roach	
<b>JP</b>	John Parker	
<b>KB</b>	Ken Biega	
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<b>M</b>	Maureen	Conservations Commission
<b>NP</b>	Nina Peck	Architect
<b>TS</b>	Tom Scherer	Conservation Commission
<b>DE</b>	Dave Evers	West Shores Association
<b>DB</b>	Don Bugbee	Parks & Rec
<b>U*</b>	Unnamed	

ABSENT

<b>PC</b>	Phil Carney	
<b>BR</b>	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder	Ex-Officio

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**CALL TO ORDER** > **PG** 7:33pm

#1 DISCUSSIONS WITH NCP ARCHITECTS AND HAINS PARK COMMUNITY

**PG** summarized the status of the project and asked for input from the invited guests. **DB** stated that the two evergreen trees near the bathhouse should be cut down. **DB** explained that the pipes in the bathhouse are winterized and the toilets closed during the beginning and end of rowing season.

**PG** noted that new access to the site should be designed for ease of trailer access, including a wide, rolling fence/gate.

**M** described the Hains Park swimming area as completely unusable. The water is filled with weeds and eroded sediment from the beach/parking lot, the water stagnant and hot during the summer, canine and geese droppings are abundant, all in all creating an unsanitary swimming condition. **DB** noted that each year the swimming area gets smaller. **U\*** noted that in the past it was deep enough to accommodate a raft which people could swim out to.

**M** noted that all other swimming access to the park aside from Hains Park is private. **M** would like a goal of the project to be education about the Park.

**RR** suggested a Volunteer Day to clean the park.

**DB** stated that the basketball courts were not re-finished because he heard there was a plan to demolish them.

**M** asked that the street crossing become safe and attractive. **M** suggested a sign for the Boathouse, inviting the community to participate in the rowing programs. **GH** stated that signage was kept to a minimum typically, and would explore options for an acceptable and site appropriate sign.

**PG** thanked the guests for their input and reconvened the meeting with the regular members. **M TS DE DB U\*** exited the meeting.

**PG** stated that the boats will be stored at Wesleyan during construction.

**NP** stated that there will be no additional charge for the Master Plan.

**BS** observed that no location had been decided on for the basketball court which would be demolished as per the concept in the STEAP grant, and suggested that the Master Plan be completed prior to proceeding with the Schematic design of the Boathouse.

The commission directed **NP** to begin Schematic Design of the Boathouse, as per the STEAP grant, concurrently with the Master Plan.

#2 APPROVAL OF 10 APRIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION**> BS (PF) 7-0-0

#3 APPROVAL OF 17 APRIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION**> BS (PF) 7-0-0

#4 NEW BUSINESS

None.

#5 ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION**➤ BS (PF) 9:34pm 7-0-0