

November 22, 2010

The Waterfront Commission held a special meeting on this date at the Town Dock meeting room. Members present were Sandy Grimes, Chairman; Ethan Grimes, Secretary/Treasurer; Bill Robinson, Arthur Medeiros, Randy Minor, Mike Grimshaw and Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan. Larry Sullivan, Town Engineer and resident Bill Teixeira were also present.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Previous minutes**

Mr. Medeiros made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting as presented. Mr. Minor seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Minor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The balance in the WFC account is \$775.00. Mr. Robinson seconded and voting was unanimous.

#### **Old Business**

Dock Area housekeeping – Mr. Grimshaw reported that all is ongoing.

Maintenance items – Mr. Grimshaw reported that they are addressing some issues, particularly water.

Donahue Park – Mr. Sullivan stated that the project is completed. A ceremony is planned for the Spring of 2011.

#### **New Business**

Mr. Teixeira was present to request the installation of a fence at the dog park. He said that he has spoken with the First Selectman, the Director of Public Works and Mr. Sullivan about his dog jumping into the water at the dog park. He added that he has spoken with other dog owners that agreed a fence would be welcome. Mr. Sullivan provided a printout of the area and where the fence could be placed, he added that this fence would have a gate for those that want their dogs to enjoy the water. A 4 foot galvanized fence, about 330 ft. would cost between \$7000 and \$8000. Mr. Sullivan also stated that there was no funding available for the purchase and installation of this fence.

A discussion ensued as to fundraising to cover the costs. The members informed Mr. Teixeira that there are other issues occurring with the dog park that preclude a final decision regarding a fence. They agreed to table the issue and keep him informed. Mr. Robinson, Mr. Grimshaw, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Ethan Grimes were in support of the full fence with a gate and Ms. Hayes-Houlihan was also in support of the fence or at least a partial fence. Mr. Minor and Mr. Sandy Grimes were against the installation of fence at the property.

### **Correspondence**

Letter from Suisman Shapiro Attorneys-At-Law regarding a Freedom of Information request for records "*pertaining to the ownership, administration, maintenance and control of the grassy area to the rear of the private properties on Front Street*", or the Dog Park. Mr. Minor stated that the dog park evolved around the early 1980's because the WFC posted signage at the Town Dock to warn the public of dangers on the dock which led to the public using the grassy area which is part of the Sewer plant. Members also received a copy of an email from Don Maranell of the Borough in reply to a resident of Front Street. He stated that he along with many borough residents are in support of the dog park. After a brief discussion members unanimously agreed to do all in their power to preserve the dog park.

October status report on South Pier Extension project from George Sylvestre, Director of Administrative Services.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Minor made a motion to adjourn. Mr. E. Grimes seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**



Ethan Grimes  
Vice Chair/Treasurer