

Town of Swampscott
Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee
March 22, 2016 – SPD Station 2nd floor
Meeting Minutes



Members present:

Jackson Schultz, Chair; Mary Ellen Fletcher, Milton Fistel, Neil Rossman, Glenn Kessler, Larry Bithell, Mounzer Aylouche.

Public present:

Patrick Jones, Swampscott resident. Jay Borkland, Swampscott resident and Apex Co. representative.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM. Mr. Jones introduced himself and stated the purpose of his attendance.

No minutes from the previous meeting were available for review therefore, no meeting minutes were approved.

At 7:06 a discussion started regarding the dredging project specifically relating to the redirecting of funds from said project to the breakwater project. Inquiries were made regarding the approval of fund transfer by the Town Administrator. Mary Ellen provided clarification on the role of the HWAC for requesting the redirection of funding. Glenn also clarified the process by stating that the BOS, Finn Com, and the CIC have to approve the re-directing of funding from the dredging to the breakwater project. Jackson indicated that he was informed by the Town Administrator that funds are available. Milton also stated that the Town has already spent \$90,000, and that we are currently spending State funds.

A motion was made by Glenn Kessler to direct the Chairman of the HWAC to ask the Town Administrator to inform the CIC, Fin Com, and BOS of the intention of the HWAC to continue its course of action with the break water project study as it relates to remaining allocated funds. The HWAC is requesting confirmation from the CIC, Fin Com, and BOS through the Town Manager, if they have any objections they need to be stated. The motion was seconded by Mounzer, and approved by all voting members present.

At 7:45 discussion regarding the planning of public meetings to discuss the breakwater project was initiated. Various venues were suggested, and the recommendation that Jackson meets with representatives of the various venues to obtain permission for meetings.

At 8:00 a discussion regarding the Harbor Plan was initiated. Jay Borkland of Apex indicated that he has submitted the plan to the Seaport and Economic Council. He further indicated that such plan is important to securing funding for the breakwater project. Credit was given to Jackson, Jackie Kinney, and Mike Garvey for their work on the Harbor Plan.

At 8:07 a discussion concerning the re-design of Johnson Park was initiated. The scope of the project was briefly described by Jackson who stated that Ms. Anna Cantell of Tufts University is the primary contact. She will be working with the Planning Board. Mounzer recommended that the HWAC be involved in the redesign project, specifically to see that space is used efficiently. He further suggested inviting Ms Cantell and Peter Kane to a HWAC meeting.

At 8:15 Jay Borkland discussed the timeline of the breakwater project. He clarified the process and explained the moving parts that affect implementation of the project. Jay indicated that he will be putting together a schedule for that purpose. Jay also discussed retooling the breakwater project presentation that was made to the BOS. Mary Ellen inquired about the cost, if any, that will be associated with the retooling.

At 8:27 Jackson initiated a discussion by providing an update on EPA issues as they relate to the Town. A motion was made to invite Gino Cresta to present EPA updates at future HWAC meetings.

At 8:35 Harbormaster Larry Bithell provided an update on mooring renewal applications and on the suggested floats requested by Ulf Weshoven. Larry and Mounzer both provided status of the float request as being work in progress, and that the Harbormaster department is still awaiting a complete proposal.

At 8:40 Jackson suggested that the next HWAC meeting be held on Monday, April 4 at 7:30 PM

At 8:42 the meeting was adjourned