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**TOWN OF STONINGTON  
MYSTIC RIVER BOATHOUSE PARK IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

Stonington Police Department Meeting Room  
173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379

Monday, May 6, 2024

5:00PM

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM.

Seated for the meeting were Mike Crowley, David Brown, Steve Planchon, Chris Gasiorek, Nick Kepple, and Alternate Jim Kelley. Also present were Chad Frost, Debbie Downie, and David Lee.

**Comments from the Committee**

None

**Approval of Minutes for the MRBIC January meeting**

The Recording Secretary highlighted a typo from the prior minutes and recommended it to be fixed.

Mr. Crowley made a motion to accept the minutes with the error amended, seconded by Mr. Gasiorek, all were in favor, 5-0.

**Correspondence**

The Commission briefly discussed the possibility of receiving fill from a local landscaper depending on its availability and type of material.

**Old Business**

*a. Discussion - Status update on park progress*

Mr. Frost mentioned that Downes Construction Company, LLC has been chosen as the construction manager for the park.

The Commission discussed the timeline of moving the house on the park lot as well as pouring the necessary foundations. Downes is currently leaning in the direction of building the house foundation first, moving the house, and then building the rest of the boathouse foundation. The

Town should receive the cost estimate within 2-3 weeks. The Town is waiting on the final 50% of the brownfield grant.

Per Mr. Frost, the Town has met the requests of OSTA and has been waiting on a response for about a year. They have recently reached out again and will follow up if no response is received.

Mr. Frost discussed an additional 'living shoreline' grant which will be applied for by the Town this month.

The hotel developers have completed their section of the seawall.

The Commission confirmed that the construction manager is only in charge of the park itself including all earth work, underground utilities, drainage, etc. The foundation slab is the responsibility of the town as it serves as a cap for the contamination below.

There was a brief discussion regarding the timeline of events and which decisions will be required of this Commission involving fundraising and how funds are spent.

*b. Update - Stonington Community Rowing Center*

Mr. Lee discussed the house renovation and an estimate was given of roughly \$600,000 as it must be stripped down to its shell. They are currently looking for a construction manager and are working on redesigning the interior of the building.

Mr. Lee and multiple Commission members discussed how a lack of activity on the site impacts the willingness of people to donate to the project.

The Commission discussed with Mr. Lee the idea of an ADA accessible boat / kayak launch and the cost associated with building it which could reach \$50,000. As currently planned, the docks will be built in a manner that makes them as accessible as possible.

**New Business**

**Comments from the Public**

None

**Adjourn**

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Crowley, all were in favor, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.