

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

Stonington Police Department Meeting Room
173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379
Monday, June 5th, 2023
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:59pm.

Present were: Vice Chairman Mike O'Neill, Mike Crowley, Thomas Switz, Jim Kelley, Tim O'Brien, Steve Planchon, Susan Cullen, and Debbie Downie.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Seating of Alternates (if necessary)

Jim Kelley sat as an alternate.

4. Comments from the Commission Members

5. Approval of Minutes for the MRPBIC Meeting of March 6th, 2022

Tim O'Brien made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Seconded by Mike Crowley. All in favor motion approved.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

- **Chad Frost, Kent & Frost- update on local permitting process including Architectural Advisory Committee, Harbor Management Commission and Police Commission**

Architectural Advisory Committee meeting was successful. Harbor Management Commission meeting was encouraging. The Police Commission approved the project but with concerns about the Northbound traffic making a left turn into the park. The final decision on the left-hand turn is ultimately up to OSTA. OSTA wanted to combine the boathouse with the hotel project, but ultimately did not as it would hold up the hotel's progress waiting on the boathouse project. The hotel should be receiving their OSTA approval this week after four rounds and applying.

- **Reminder to Commission regarding upcoming Planning and Zoning Meeting on June 6th**

The public hearing for the project is taking place 6/6/2023 at 7:00pm. It will be open for public content for and against the project. The DEEP report has not been received yet, but is expected to arrive before the public hearing. The only change they might propose would be for the living shoreline, but it would be a minor change. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Chairman Nick Kepple, Debbie Downie, and Susan Cullen will be attending as well as Chad Frost to present the project. There is a long agenda for the meeting.

- **Discussion of Next Steps**

The current timeline is six months out for the permitting. Mike Crowley asked what the expectation is to start on the project. The goal is to start at the end of the year. Chad Frost shared that they are working so as soon as the town is ready, they can go out to bid. Because the project is so complex Frost is recommending using a construction manager. The construction manager would help keep the bids reasonable.

- **Discussion of Status of Budget**

There are currently three grants pending. One of the grants is asking for more information about the project which appears to be a good sign.

9. Comments from the Public

None


10. Comments from the Committee

None

11. Adjourn

Thomas Switz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tim O'Brien. All in favor motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Stout", is written over a horizontal line.

Mary Stout, Recording Secretary