

MINUTES OF WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2008

A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly called and held on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Chris Hemingway. The following people were present: Robert Metcalf, Roger Race, Warren Hathaway, Michael Gill and Norman Peloquin. Also present was Mr. Steven Melo, Harbormaster. Excused was Mr. Gerald Hickey.

Mr. Hemingway reviewed the meeting agenda. Mr. Peloquin moved to accept. Mr. Race seconded. So Moved.

The minutes of the meeting of October 07, 2008 was discussed. Mr. Peloquin moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Metcalf seconded. So Moved.

Rogers Street Update.

Mr. Hemingway explained that some members of the WMC met with the DPW and Mr. Michael O'Reilly regarding Rogers Street. He stated that the project cannot go out to bid until they have the money for the whole project. He said that the EPA said that once the site is disturbed it has to be capped as soon as possible. He stated that the WMC has to come up with the way of raising the money, whether it is borrowed or taken from retained earnings; then it must go before the Annual Town Meeting in June of 2009. Mr. Hemingway said that we have to have detailed plans for the site before we can go to bid or Town Meeting. He said that they met with SITEC today to see how they can save money on the project. One way was to remove some of the plantings and blacktop the entire area. At a later date some landscaping can be added on top of the asphalt.

Mr. Hemingway said the cost to remove the rocks is \$15,000. He said that the DPW suggested leaving some rocks as landscaping and to define the corners of the lot. Mr. Melo said that the rocks can be a natural fence in some areas. Mr. Hemingway said that leaving some of the rocks will also serve as a barrier between the properties. He said that some of the rocks will be spread around the site and others will be removed from the property. Mr. Hemingway said that Mr. Hickey notified the neighbor that if he wants some of the rocks they have to be removed within the month. Mr. Melo said that we cannot dig the area to bury the rocks; he suggested putting some of the rocks behind the shed on the property and if not needed later, they can be removed.

Mr. Hemingway said that it was suggested to straighten the driveway on the St. John Street side. This will leave a piece of property that can be landscaped for now, but if it is needed in the future it will be usable. Mr. Melo said that there will be a gate at the end of Rogers Street. The gate will also stop people from going to the end of the street at night. Mr. Melo said that if they pave to the street with the driveway, and leave some natural, the stones can stay and be removed at a later date if needed. Mr. Hathaway asked where people will park if the lot is full. Mr. Melo said we have to be careful because of Jones Park; we don't want people to start parking in our lot to go to the beach. Mr. Melo said that if we are not using State money to do this so we can keep the ramp for locals. Mr. Melo said that if we take State money, the parking and ramp will have to be open to everyone.

Mr. Race said that there are there are two pipes draining in the area, one pipe is from Dartmouth and one drains from New Bedford. Mr. Hathaway feels that we need some type of protection since CBC uses the same area and ramp. Mr. Melo said that most of the activity at CBC uses the existing gate and down the ramp. They can wash their boats and use their dock without coming onto our land.

Mr. Race said that SITEC will do new plans of the area without the shrubbery. Mr. Melo said that they can't build a seawall perpendicular to the shore because of erosion caused by waves hitting the wall. Mr. Peloquin said that we will need new plans and specifications for the area.

Mr. Melo said that he would like parking spots on the side of the house. The spaces will also provide easy access to the house. Mr. Race will speak to SITEC to put the spaces there. Mr. Melo said that if we plan to use the house in the future, we have to think about handicap access. Mr. Melo feels that DEP will appreciate the fact that we are blacktopping most of the area. Mr. Race feels that once it is paved, we will fit more parking spaces in the area.

Mr. Race said that Medeiros & Sons estimated the cost at \$120,000 to \$140,000. without paving. Mr. Hemingway said that leaving the rocks and some of our changes will lower the cost. The paving should be approximately \$32,000 to \$42,000. Mr. Race said that we can go back for CPC money in the spring. Mr. Melo said that Mr. Gagne suggested borrowing the money and not depleting the reserve fund. Mr. Peloquin suggested

going to bid in February and getting the results in March. This will leave some time before going to the Annual Town Meeting in June.

Mr. Hemingway would like to see this area accessible by next summer. Mr. Race said that he will fax the changes to SITEC and they will get the new plans back to us.

Public Comment.

Mr. Don White asked about the land between the water and us. Mr. Peloquin said that some land is owned by a Fairhaven resident. He only owns high-water to low-water; and cannot stop people from going over it. Mr. Race said that people are walking on it now. Mr. Melo said that they cannot put any structures on the tidal land.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Peloquin and seconded by Mr. Race to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. So Moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane L. Vieira