

Harbor Advisory Committee
Firehouse Trust Building
January 27, 2016
7pm

Present: Skip Mondello (Chairperson), Phil Crotty, Dana Jorgensson, Kevin Carrigan, Larry Stepnuck, Steve Fritch

Not present: Chris Murch (Vice Chairperson), Fred Hilliard

Skip is looking for another venue for our meeting because the heat is not adequate here at the Firehouse Trust Building. He will see if he can reserve the police station for the third Tuesday of the month.

Phil made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/28/15, Dana seconded, vote was a unanimous yes.

Granite Pier Extension

Phil handed out the report written by GZA, and then submitted to DPW. In September of 2015, the report was sent to the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps sent Congressman Moulton a letter stating “they are tracking the study” and after the Corps receives a FY16 appropriation, they will perform an “affordability analysis” to determine if Granite Pier can be started in FY16. DPW is in charge of this project.

GZA has written a proposal to DPW to advance the prior study that they completed in September of last year, using Senator Tarr's money. Dana felt it is important to know what state commission actually approved the \$20,000 from Senator Tarr's office because it would give the Committee better information when applying for funds in the future.

Larry expressed his dissatisfaction around the issue of full disclosure of all the information regarding this costly project. He said he will follow up on it.

Phil met with John Thompson of the Granite Pier Committee and discussed that \$25,000 is now available in CPC funds for plans and specs for the staircase at Granite Pier. Mr. Thompson met with DPW, and they are engaging an engineering firm to get on with the study. DPW is in charge of this project.

Skip read from the Harbormaster's report:

Pigeon Cove contractors are on schedule with an original completion date of July 2016. Due to the mild weather, they have been able to get a lot of work done. The revised contract amount is \$3.7 million. New stones are coming in every day.

The outer end of Granite Pier is being redone after winter storms washed away the repairs from earlier in 2015.

The Rockport Harbor Department along with DPW will be applying for CPC funds to preserve the interior and exterior of Motif 1.

Liam O'Connell from Gloucester has asked to be part of this Committee. Skip will leave it up to the Selectmen to decide whether or not he is qualified.

Skip would like members to think of new projects for next year. Dana wondered if the town has GIS mapping ability? Toby Arsenian said the town does have GIS.

Phil noted CPC has authorized \$350,000 for Millbrook Meadows to dredge Frog Pond and Mill Pond. Phil would like to see more CPC funds go to the Harbor. CPC applications need to be in by 2/1/16.

Motion made to adjourn, motion seconded, vote was a unanimous yes.