

Newburyport Waterfront Trust
Online Meeting
June 4, 2020
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Steve Hines called an emergency online meeting of the Newburyport Waterfront Trust to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were Trustees Steve Hines, Wilbur Shenk, Matt Pieniazek and Dan Mello. Sean Bradley was absent. Park Manager Edith Heyck and note taker Gretchen Joy were also in attendance.

3. Minutes

Wilbur Shenk moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020, meeting as submitted. Dan Mello seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Steve Hines, yes; Wilbur Shenk, yes; Matt Pieniazek, yes; Dan Mello, yes).

4. Park Use Applications

Three groups have asked to hold exercise classes in the park. At the March 18 meeting, the Trustees approved an application from Sarah Oleson for yoga classes on Sunday mornings. MotivateBarre and Fuel worked together to develop a schedule. Fuel would hold classes Tuesdays and Thursdays and MotivateBarre would hold classes on Wednesdays and Fridays. Both groups want to hold a third class on Saturdays. This would be acceptable to the Trustees provided the classes have concluded by 10:00 a.m. Under ordinary circumstances, Fuel would be charged \$750 for the summer. Due to the impact of Covid-19 on businesses, the fee will be waived for this year. Sarah Oleson had submitted a check, which will be returned. The use of the park by these groups will be monitored as the summer progresses to determine the amount of wear and tear on the lawn. The groups will be expected to follow all state and local guidelines for social distancing. Dan Mello moved to approve the applications from MotivateBarre and Fuel and to waive the fee. Wilbur Shenk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Steve Hines, yes; Wilbur Shenk, yes; Matt Pieniazek, yes; Dan Mello, yes).

5. Waterfront Committee Report

Bill Taplan has sold the *Coastie*. Steve Hines negotiated a price for the purchase of his dock. The Trust would then own all of the docks except those used by the *Captain's Lady*. Wilbur Shenk moved to approve the purchase of the dock from Bill Taplan at a cost of \$3,000. Dan Mello seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Steve Hines, yes; Wilbur Shenk, yes; Matt Pieniazek, yes; Dan Mello, yes).

The docks Chris Charos is building for the Trust will be finished this week. The work to repair the ramp has been completed. The gangway was replaced with a sandblasted diamond plate and new rollers and rails were added. Chris Charos will

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transport the docks and ramp up the river. Steve Hines is working to secure a charter boat for tuna and striper charters for the former location of the *Ninth Wave*.

Wilbur Shenk moved to approve a payment not to exceed \$5,000 to Wilson Welding for the work on the ramp. Dan Mello seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Steve Hines, yes; Wilbur Shenk, yes; Matt Pieniazek, yes; Dan Mello, yes).

6. Other Business

Matt Pieniazek moved to approve the purchase of additional plants for the bank beds in the amount of \$286 and to approve the payment of invoices from the weeders. Dan Mello seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Steve Hines, yes; Wilbur Shenk, yes; Matt Pieniazek, yes; Dan Mello, yes).

Wilbur Shenk moved to reimburse Dan Mello for a one year subscription to Go To Meeting in the amount of \$204. Matt Pieniazek seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote (Steve Hines, yes; Wilbur Shenk, yes; Matt Pieniazek, yes; Dan Mello, yes).

The Firehouse has developed a payment plan and expects to be current by the end of the year. The organization has a revenue stream because it receives rent from Sea Level. John Moynihan said a check had been sent at the end of April. A check should also be received for May. The two should total approximately \$1,800.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjournment

Wilbur Shenk moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Matt Pieniazek seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.