

**Newburyport Waterfront Trust**  
April 4, 2011  
Police Station Conference Room  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

A meeting of the Newburyport Waterfront Trust was called to order by Chairman Cliff Goudey at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

In attendance were members Cliff Goudey, Joseph Brown, Catherine Russell, Joyce Enderle and Doug Locy and Manager Charlie Nichols.

**3. Call for New Agenda Items**

Doug Locy asked that a discussion of the Yahoo website be added to the agenda. Cliff Goudey said the Chamber of Commerce is planning the River Concert for mid July. The date has not yet been determined. He said the event was approved at a prior meeting. He also said the Salvation Army would like to put on a play on July 27 or 28. He sent the group an application and asked them to coordinate with the Yankee Homecoming Committee.

**4. Routine Business**

• Minutes

Doug Locy moved to approve the minutes of the February 7 meeting as submitted. Joe Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

• Manager's Report

Charlie Nichols reported:

- the DPS worked at Somerby's Way for three days weeding and repairing damage that was done during the removal of snow. He said the center of the island is bare and he would like to obtain an estimate from ND Landscape to add Rosa rugosa in this area.
- he will arrange for the handyman to install the bench plaques around the first of May.
- the bolts on the back flow preventer need to be replaced.
- he received complaints about the trees pruning on Railroad Avenue. He said the trees that were pruned were on NRA property and he asked Tony Funari not to cut the WFT trees. Joe Brown said he would like a letter to be sent to the DPS stating no WFT trees should be cut without approval. He said he was concerned about the work that was done on Somerby's landing, which should be instead covered under the contract with ND Landscape. Cliff Goudey said the letter Joe Brown posted on the Yahoo website was inflammatory and moved to have it removed. Joe Brown said it was decided at a previous meeting that the authority to remove items from the website was given to the co-chairs. Charlie Nichols said the WFT's relationship with the DPS in an important and comfortable one and he does not want a letter to be sent.

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- a new flag will be in place by next month. The stars are cut out of the old flags in order to be presented by those who volunteer in the greeter program.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Doug Locy distributed the treasurer's report. He and Joe Brown will sign the Fidelity account. The passbooks should also be updated. Since the last meeting \$2,700 was paid to ND Landscape. Receipts included a donation of \$100 from Tina and Marty Scanlon, \$365 in credit card receipts, a \$100 program fee, \$300 for Brown's Wharf, \$1,00 from the SDAH, \$100 from the Fuel Group and \$1,050 for boats in the embayment. Joyce Enderle said she received \$100 for a deposit for a wedding and a payment in full of \$200 for a second wedding. Weddings are scheduled for June 4 and October 1.

#### **6. Applications for Park Use**

- Cheryl Munick, chair of Yankee Homecoming, said the event this year will be held from July 31 to August 7. The application to use the park from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. has not changed from last year. The changes that were made last year have been incorporated into this year's application. The \$1,500 fee for the event should be received one month in advance. Last year the fee was not received until October. A copy of the insurance binder will be submitted when it is received. The policy will be renewed in the middle of July. Cliff Goudey said the stage must be set up either before or after the Salvation Army event. Joe Brown moved to approve the application for use for nine days in the amount of \$1,500. Cliff Goudey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Jonathan Arslanian, owner of the Plum Island Lobster Roll Company, asked for permission to locate his stand on WFT land. He said last year his cart was in front of the Custom House, but the City did not renew his permit. He has liability insurance and a Safe Serve Certification. He would like to set up his stand between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily from June through September. He would remove the equipment and trash each night. He would like to be located by the first parking space on Merrimac Street, behind the sculpture. Cliff Goudey and Joe Brown agreed that this would be an appropriate use of WFT land. Charlie Nichols does not want food in Waterfront Park, which is to be a passive park. Mr. Arslanian proposed a weekly fee of \$100. Doug Locy said he would like more time to consider the proposal. Joe Brown told the vendor the WFT is generally in favor of the application and he would receive an answer after next month's meeting.

#### **7. Parking Agreement**

A parking advisory committee is being formed that will include members of the WFT, the NRA, the Harbor Commission and the City Council, along with the Parking Clerk. Doug Locy moved that Cliff Goudey represent the WFT representative. Joyce Enderle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Joe Brown voting in opposition.

### **8. Water Taxi Proposal**

The Harbor Commission submitted a letter to the WFT stating that while it is not in opposition to the creation of a water taxi service, the proposed addition to the transportation dock would in all likelihood meet with significant challenges because it would present a hazard to navigation and would be prohibited by the City Ordinance. According to the City Ordinance the westerly boundary of the fairway is located at the point where the centerline of Green Street meets the river. Doug Locy said he intends meet with Brad Duffin to discuss the issue. Bill Taplin said he had originally wanted to add on to the New England Development dock and might return to this plan. He said he thinks there is documentation that puts the transportation dock under the control of the WFT. Cliff Goudey said he would be opposed to adding on to the New England Development dock and thinks the water taxi should be on the City docks. He said the WFT would not be able to help Mr. Taplin this year but would like the issue to be resolved before next year.

### **9. Fueling Contract**

Cliff Goudey said Atlantic Fuel has not yet contacted him. The contract expired on December 31. Before fueling would be allowed to resume a new contract must be signed and proof of insurance provided.

### **10. SDAH Lease**

The signed SDAH agreement for the Firehouse and a check for \$1,000 were received.

### **11. Other Business**

Joe Brown said the owners of boats in the embayment must sign their contracts. He said that he is not aware that anything has been paid by Captain Holt even after the Trustees agreed to waive one of the two years of past due rental fees.

ND Landscape will be asked for a quote for plantings for the two beds next to the stage. Joe Brown said he would like shrubs to be added to the right of Market Landing Park and to the left near the trees. Bob Uhlig will be asked if he would provide a planting plan. The DPS has performed some of the work at Somerby's Landing that would have been covered by the contract with ND Landscape. Charlie Nichols should ask for an offset on the contract.

Jeff Ott of Northeast Shade Tree has submitted proposals for \$2,650 for pruning trees and \$2,800 for fertilizing them. Joe Brown suggested Charlie Nichols ask Mr. Ott to clarify his proposal and contact ND Landscape for a quote and a recommendation on the amount of work required.

Doug Locy will attend the press conference that will be held by the Seaport Advisory Council to announce the award of funds for the repair of the bulkhead and pilings.

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Doug Locy said he would like the Yahoo website to be shut down. He said some of the content could be conveyed to the City website. The issue will be discussed at the net meeting.

**12. Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting of the Waterfront Trust will take place on Monday, May 9.

**13. Adjournment**

Joe Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Doug Locy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.