

Newburyport Waterfront Trust
February 7, 2010
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, Joyce Enderle and Doug Locy and Manager Charlie Nichols.

3. Call for New Agenda Items

Joe Brown asked that the parking agreement with the City be added to the agenda.

4. Routine Business

• Minutes

Joe Brown moved to approve the minutes of the November 1 meeting as amended. Doug Locy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Joe Brown moved to approve the minutes of the December 6 meeting as submitted. Joyce Enderle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

• Manager's Report

Charlie Nichols reported:

- a good job is being done with the removal of snow from the boardwalk. He said he does not want to ask the City to clear the central walkway because snow has piled up along the fencing and he does not want it to be destroyed. Cliff Goudey said it is unacceptable that snow from the Black Cow lot has been plowed into the WFT lot.
- he recommends the park should be surveyed in the spring. Joe Brown said Port Engineering had done the original survey and should be asked about the markers. Cliff Goudey said Oak Engineering might be available for pro bono work but he does not think the matter is pressing.
- all of the bolts have been removed from the benches. He has spoken with the police, who now have their cameras on the benches. Joe Brown asked that the estimates for the work to secure the benches be brought to the next meeting.
- the SDAH employee is continuing to park to the left of the Firehouse and the space is being plowed. Restaurant customers also use the space. He asked Wilson Welding to install bollards to prevent parking in the area. If the company does not wish to do the job, he will ask the DPS.
- calcium chloride is being used on the boardwalk. A motion to approve a contract for the removal of snow without the use of ice melt was accepted at the December 6 meeting. Joe Brown moved to allow the use of ice melt on plowed area of the boardwalk for the

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purpose of safety. Doug Locy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Treasurer's Report

Doug Locy distributed the financial report. He revised the format so it is more easily understandable. The Fidelity account should be put under the names of Cliff Goudey and Joe Brown. Cliff Goudey moved to accept the financial report. Doug Locy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Applications for Park Use

The Department of Youth Services wishes to use the grass area for yoga for five Thursdays in July and August between the hours of 3:45 and 5:15. Participants will not be charged. Joe Brown moved to accept the application and waive the fee because the applicant is a City organization. Doug Locy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Fuel Group has submitted an application for using the park from April 4 to November 30. There have been problems with group jogging and the participants have blocked access to the ticket booth. The activities were to be restricted to two areas and jogging was to be single file. A woman from Fuel told Cliff Goudey that the group requires single-file jogging but cannot control how participants arrive at the site. Joe Brown moved to approve the application with the conditions that only the area behind the bandstand and by the tables near the Black Cow be used, that there is no group jogging on the boardwalk, that classes have no more than 10-11 participants, and a \$250 fee is paid. Doug Locy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Storage in the Embayment

The City Ordinance requires that only active fishing boats use the embayment. Boats are not to be inactive for more than 30 days. Dale Davison, owner of the *Captain's Mistress*, explained the reason his boat has been stored in the embayment. He said he is in the process of repairing the knee of the boat and is planning on returning to fishing as soon as possible.

8. Water Taxi Proposal

Bill Taplin would like to begin a water taxi service that would carry Rail Trail users across the river and would connect the downtown to Plum Island Point. Cliff Goudey proposed that extra space be added for the water taxi by the means of a T-shaped dock attached to the Transportation Dock. The plan would need the approval of the Harbor Commission. Paul Hogg said he is in the process of replacing some docks and could give the old ones to the WFT. Cliff will prepare a plan to present to the Harbor Commission. The issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

9. Landscaping Contract

Two bids were received for the landscaping contract. ND Landscape, Inc. submitted the low bid. Joyce Enderle moved to accept the bid from ND Landscape, Inc. Doug Locy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Joe Brown asked how add-ons would be handled. Charlie Nichols will coordinate the landscaping for Somerby Landing for the upcoming season.

10. Fueling Contract

Cliff Goudey said Atlantic Fuel has not yet contacted him. The contract expired on December 31. Joe Brown said the board must sign a new contract before fueling is allowed to resume.

11. SDAH Lease

Doug Locy said Terry Blanchard reported to him that Peter Kelly is currently out of town and a signed copy of the lease is ready to be submitted upon his return.

12. Parking Agreement

The WFT is to be compensated \$30,000 from the City for lost parking revenue. There will be a three-hour limit in the Trust's lot and parking stickers will not be valid there. The WFT will be responsible for managing the lot through the spring. Joe Brown said the renewal of the maintenance contract should be reconsidered, but the agreement has already lapsed.

13. Other Business

Joe Brown said the contract to remove snow from the boardwalk should be reconsidered next year. Because the City does not clear the walkways leading the boardwalk, pedestrians do not have access to the area.

Cliff Goudey suggested dedicating a bench in memory of Maureen Ledwell. Joyce Enderle said a planting bed might be appropriate. Cliff will speak with the family and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

14. Upcoming Meetings

The March 14 meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting of the Waterfront Trust will take place on April 4.

15. Adjournment

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