

Town of Hingham



Harbor Development Committee Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2019

7:30PM at Town Hall

Attendees

Members: W. Reardon, D. Anderson, E. Kachel, K. Doran, T. Coveney, K. Corson
(Harbormaster)

Others: Veterans Agent Keith Jermyn and others from Hingham Veterans Council (Bob Beal, Joe Gregg); Hingham Development Industrial Commission (HDIC) Chair Mike Kranzley and several members of his Commission

Bathing Beach Trustee: C. Daly

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1. Call to order at 7:44pm
 2. Approval of minutes from March 12, 2019 meeting
 3. New Matters:
 - a. Transfer POW/MIA monument to Whitney Wharf (K. Jermyn and members of Hingham Veterans Council)
 - i. K. Jermyn's statement regarding relocation of POW/MIA monument to Whitney Wharf Park was entered into minutes. HDC agrees with Veterans Council that the monument, due to erosion on the current location, should be moved. HDC endorsed the Council's desire to move it immediately to a new location, instead of storing it until a new location is confirmed. HDC supports the proposal and confirmed the Board of Selectmen have the decision making authority. Other stakeholders include the Conservation Committee and Historic Districts Committee.
 - b. Joint Meeting with Hingham Development and Industrial Commission; How we can work together

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- i. B. Reardon provided an overview of the 2007 master plan, HDC's major shore-based projects (i.e., harbor walkway, wharfs, etc.) and dredging plans.
 - ii. HDIC is focused on the opportunities and challenges of attracting more pedestrian and tourist traffic to the town and harbor, particularly from the Shipyard. HDIC will appoint a liaison from their committee to work with HDC. HDIC will support HDC at the next opportunity to ask for master plan update funding (August 15th is next CPC preliminary application date). Other key discussion themes included:
 1. Pedestrian difficulty crossing 3A; D. Anderson will provide the latest 3A plans resulting from the road diet.
 2. Boardwalk lighting: funding included in the landscape design for an updated master plan.
 3. Need for consistent bench style; currently there are seven styles.
 4. Need for enhanced retail and dining options; majority of retail businesses closed on Sundays.
 5. Recreation opportunities; the new bathhouse is anticipated to have a community room for activities and swim lessons may return.
 6. Ideas for transporting people from the shipyard to the square:
 - a. Target the boating community (i.e., dock and visit)
 - b. Water taxi
 - c. Bus loop: M. Kranzley is talking to DOT about improving the bus offerings.
 - d. Seasonal trolley
4. Open Issues (Recurring matters):
- a. Greenbush Trust Grant: Harbor interpretive signage; presentation to Historic Districts Commission for permission to put up the first three signs is slated for Thursday, April 11

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- b Bathing Beach Trustees update
 - iii. Granite dust stone may be temporarily used on the walkway from the beach to the bathhouse, depending on budget capacity.
 - iv. Bathhouse on track for anticipated soft opening after the Fourth of July.
 - v. The Farmers' Market will remain in the parking lot location until the walkway and building construction are completed. They may then be moving closer to the bandstand and, at that point, will consider whether to add more vendors.
 - c. Harbormaster matters: vote on dredging to be held at Town Meeting; in addition to \$3.5M requested, another \$70K of existing funds is requested for Selectmen approval in order to conduct tests for chemical/biological elements to ensure the safety of depositing dredged material offshore.
- 5. Questions from the Public
 - None.
 - 6. Set next meeting date (May 14, 2019) at 7:30pm
 - 7. Adjournment: 9:30pm.