



CITY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

SALEM HARBOR PORT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES: February 7, 2019

A public meeting of the Salem Harbor Port Authority was convened at 5:00 pm in the large conference located on the ground floor of Salem City Hall Annex, 98 Washington Street.

Members present: Mayor Kim Driscoll, Bob McCarthy- Ward 1 Councilor, Fred Atkins and Meaghan LeClerc.

Absent: Michael Rutstein

Others Present: Tom Daniels – Director, Planning and Community Development, Kathy Winn – Deputy Planner, Bill McHugh – Harbormaster/ FSO.

Mayor Driscoll called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

Enactment legislation was distributed to all members and a discussion regarding the organizational structure of the Authority ensued. Mayor Driscoll suggested that members interested in serving as chairperson should email Bill McHugh.

The group discussed the need to establish how the pier and additional property outlined in the Community Benefits Agreement should be held. It was decided that Scott Silverstein and Peter Furniss should be invited to the next meeting of the Authority pending availability, to discuss the details of a partnership in which the Authority may take control of the pier.

The permitting process for the development of property within a Designated Port Area (DPA) was touched upon with the thought it would be a long inclusive “community envisioning” process with input from all stakeholders. A question on the Harbor Development Plan and the status of a DPA Master Plan was raised by Mr. Atkins. Tom Daniels stated he would review the Harbor Plan and review its correlation, if any, to any DPA Master Plan. The need to employ a consultant group to collect stakeholder input and provide guidance on a direction for a new Harbor Development Plan was suggested. Also, to become educated on realistic marine operations, a visit to other active port facilities situated in congested areas was put forward for consideration. Charlestown was recommended as possible destination.

Mr. McCarthy expressed the need to define the role of the Authority. The responsibility of the Blaney Street Parking Lot was an example cited. He noted that during different events and times of the year, the lot may fall under the jurisdiction of several City departments.

Mr. Atkins reiterated the need to have a structural survey of the pier conducted. McHugh offered that Bourne Consulting had performed a survey prior to the construction of the power station and that an estimate of costs for a subsequent evaluation of the pier may be easily obtainable.

All agreed that it should be a priority is to meet with Footprint principals to discuss the transfer of the pier and supporting upland property.

Salem Harbor Port Authority adjourned @ 5:51pm.