



53 RIVER STREET MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Present: David Martin, Peter Hocknell, Lou York, Ilana Liebert, Stephanie Krantz, Bill Klauer.

Absent: Don Boyle, Bill Alesbury, Andy Magee (project manager).

1. Opening

David Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM via a virtual meeting with no committee members in physical attendance and broadcasted via Zoom.us virtual meeting platform.

2. Regular Business

A. A quorum is present.

B. Notes from the chair – none.

C. Resident concerns – none.

D. Grant update:

The project has been awarded a \$1M Dam and Seawall Grant. That, plus the \$750K that Town Meeting appropriated last year is sufficient to cover the project costs.

E. Permitting update:

Permits still outstanding include:

- Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) (#404). We do not have a timeline but is expected at some point in 2022. We have a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in hand re: the archeological monitoring plan.
- Mass DEP Water Quality Certificate (#401). That we are expecting in mid-October.
- Chapter 91 dredging permit. That one is about to be signed.

SLR is preparing the bid package; should be completed by the end of October for review. Town plans to send out for bid before end of December 2022. Lou asked if the RFP will be available for review. David replied that the Town Manager reviews in concert with town staff (including engineers, etc.). Consultants can be hired to perform peer review, if necessary.



F. Tree/brush debris clearing at the dam:

Guardrail was cut, allowing the necessary equipment to access the area. The flow through the culverts has been much improved. Bill K asked what's to keep people from disposing of debris upstream of the dam? "No Dumping" signs are reportedly no longer present. David will inquire and report back at the next committee meeting.

G. Friends of the River Street Park – preliminary discussion:

David offered to have "Friends of the Arboretum" or other come to a future meeting of this committee to provide information and guidance. Lou added that he does not have a good sense of what we want the park to be, rather than what we want the park to look like. Stephanie raised the point that SLR has been involved since the start of the project; how would another firm handle this successfully without the familiarity?

H. Approval of the minutes from the 19 JUL 2022 committee meeting: Motion to accept made by Lou York and seconded by Bill Klauer. Voting took place via role call:

Peter Hocknell – Aye

David Martin – Aye

Lou York – Aye

Ilana Liebert – Aye

Bill Klauer – Aye

Stephanie Krantz – Aye

I. This committee's next meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place virtually on 15 NOV 2022.

J. Motion to adjourn was made at 7:49 PM by Peter Hocknell and seconded by Bill Klauer. Voting took place via role call:

Peter Hocknell – Aye

Lou York – Aye

Bill Klauer – Aye

David Martin – Aye

Ilana Liebert – Aye

Stephanie Krantz – Aye

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting:

- Meeting Agenda for 27 SEP 2022
- Draft minutes from the 19 JUL 2022 committee meeting