

## HWAC Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2018

### Attendees:

Jackson Schultz, Larry Sweazy, Shannon Cudmore, Amy Powell, Ulf Westhoven,  
Mark Wolinski, **Jay Borkland**

Jackson Schultz (Chair)

Meeting called to order: Review earlier Minutes

(Jackson), Accepted

Jackson, Discussion & Update:

- Explained how to control costs by allocating \$\$\$ raised from *waterfront* to repair the Fish house
- Roof: out for bid, next week, per Gino
- Shingles: keep local, no bid
- Floats: In by the weekend

Jackson: Read the current HWAC Mission Statement

Shannon: Presented a proposed logo for 'save the fish house'

Jay: Discussed/Updated HWAC as to the 'Plan'. Revision not yet complete. Doing Track Changes, Redline. A very large file to send.

Jay: Discussed

- Connected with Selectman 'Chair' Peter Spellios. Proposed a Test Drive of the 'Plan' with Peter. (Christine Jones?) volunteered to help us (Coach) for the presentation to the Selectmen.
- Additional Parking options: Hadley
- Greenwood Ave Extension
- Move the Pier or expand to have a new pier with restaurant (Sean Fitzgerald's vision)

Jay: Proposed & explained why to changing **Living Reef** to "**Protective Reef**"

- Regulators believe “Breakwater” is a negative term. (Pile of rocks fitted together)
- ***Protective Reef*** is the new version of living Reef designed to be ‘ecofriendly’

Ulf: Protective is a better description since the damage from the March storms was so destructive.

Jay: Proposed a Governance to be

- HWAC should transition from a Committee to a Commission which would advising the Town Manager  
Example: New Bedford’s transition to a Port Authority, Commercial Free Zone, and lower taxes
- A Commission can control revenue, raise and ‘manage your own money’
- Concept:

Start with a comparison of a Harbor over a Harbor with a ‘Protected Reef’

- Emphasize the Harbor importance to the Town
- Goals: Protect and reduce the amount of Damage/Repair costs
- Port of Call showing economic benefits
- Reconnect the community to the ‘Waterfront’  
Make Swampscott’s Harbor a Destination Port
- Grants: Establish a working relationship with the Seaport Economic Counsel
- Shellfish Commission expand... Licensing, revive shellfish harvesting

Amy: Question, Town by Laws – Should discuss between ourselves

Mentioned White Court – 18 Condo units at 25K tax revenue

Jay; Referenced general discussion points with committee comments

: Topics referenced.

- Element of Swampscott Harbor History
- Reference 2014 Harbor Survey
- Dredging & eel grass as to regulations
- Cost of dredging (4-6 M)
- What is the Costs for a Harbor continued maintenance program

Jay: Review why the need for a Protective Reef?

- Increased severity of storms
- Historical: in 1920's a Protective Reef was proposed due to Damage!
- Cost of Damage (10's of Millions)
- The Experts predict a sea level change that will affect our shore line.

What type of Ref

Protective Reef: rises above the water line to reduce wave energy

Submerged Reef: waves not stopped

Meeting Dismissed