

Schenck's Island Merwin Meadows Committee
Comstock Community Center, Room 13
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Meeting Minutes

Present: Ben Couch, Susan DiLoreto, Peter Gaboriault, Sarah Gioffre, Andrea Preston, John Priest, Mike Conklin (Director of Environmental Affairs)

Absent: Dan Berg (excused), Jade Hobson (excused), Steve Pierce

Susan DiLoreto called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Peter Gaboriault made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28th, 2017 meeting. Sarah Gioffre seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Mike Conklin distributed copies of the RFP and started discussion to review and finalize RFP. Reviewed order/content of comprehensive goals in Project Overview (added items addressing flood control, considering Land Trust & Norwalk River and highlighted that items are in no particular order), changed contact person under Schedule to Mike Conklin, removed redundant reference to location of Norwalk River and wording on "the area to be primarily considered..." from Background, and changed number of concept plans to 2 under Scope of Services.

Peter Gaboriault asked that Land Trust and Trout Unlimited be considered as partners in redesign project/RFP. Discussion ensued as to role of various neighbors/stakeholders in redesign project. Mike confirmed that scope of redesign project is town owned properties of Merwin Meadows and Schenck's Island. Mike will discuss/confirm with Lynne Vanderslice.

Andrea Preston noted importance of one of the RFP's comprehensive goals - enhancing economic development in Wilton Center. Susan DiLoreto shared how groups like Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County or Levitt Pavilion can raise awareness of town businesses and activities. Group discussed viewpoints on redesign project and economic development.

Mike will incorporate all changes into document and circulate to Bob Nerney, Steve Pierce, and Lynne Vanderslice. Once approved, document will be sent to Town Counsel for review. Mike set timeline - goal is to review finalized document at April 25, 2017 meeting.

Mike discussed Harbor Brook project in Meriden, CT which has some conceptual ideas (flood control, passive recreation) that could be carried over to Schenck's Island.

Meeting on April 11, 2017 will be cancelled and next meeting will be held on April 25, 2017.

Andrea Preston made a motion to adjourn meeting. Peter Gaboriault seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Gioffre