

Minutes
Old Harbor Task Force
June 18, 2012
Town Hall

Present: Margie Comings, Arlene Tunney, Debbie Howarth, Doug Gilpin, Kathy Szabo, Pat Doyle, Cariona Corcoran, Fraser Lang, Julie Fuller

Absent: Jessie Edwards, Becky Ballard

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

1. The minutes from May 21, 2012 were unanimously approved with Kathy Szabo making the motion to approve and Doug Gilpin seconding it.
2. Esta's Park:
 - A. Financial Report – As of May 31, 2012 there was \$3,312.52 in the Esta's Park account. Since then, Islandscape, Inc has sent us two invoices: one for installing the bricks which was \$340 and one was for \$490 which for weeding, fertilizing and mulching the park. In addition, 8 more bricks sold for \$1,000.
 - B. Bricks – We have sold about half of the remaining spaces for engraved bricks, so there around 25 left to sell.
 - C. Mapping of Bricks – Margie Comings is still looking for someone to help with this project. Let her know if you hear of anyone interested who might be able to do it won the computer.
 - D. July 4th Parade - Cariona Corcoran contacted the Lion's Club about helping protect the park before and during the July 4th parade. No one volunteered.
 - E. Fundraiser - Julie Fuller announced that the National Hotel is willing to host a fundraiser for Esta's Park and the new Pole Harbor Park (Lots 146-47). Some of the money raised will be used to fund the endowment for Esta's Park and the rest of the money will be used as seed money to develop plans for the new park and to landscape Lot 147.
3. Bench Account:

The endowment fund for the Benches in the downtown/ Old Harbor area that was in the BI Tourism Account (\$13,434.16) has been transferred to a newly opened dedicated account under the Town. Margie Comings will receive a statement each month from Amy Land, Finance Director, at the same time she receives the Esta's Park statement.
4. Margie Comings met with Nancy Dodge, Town Manager, and Mike Shea, Road Crew, to discuss bike racks and trash cans. Mike Shea agreed to try and locate additional bike racks to use on either side of Esta's Park in the locations discussed. There are no additional trash cans planned for this year as store owners do not like them located near their shops. Mike Shea agreed that cement pads were needed under the benches in the park and that he and his road crew could help during the winter months by doing a lot of the work. Margie will contact him again in the fall to see what can be worked out.

5. Sea Level Study

Doug Gilpin made a motion to appoint Arlene Tunney to the Block Island Sea Level Study. It was seconded by Debbie Haworth. The committee voted unanimously to appoint her to the committee.

6. Pole Harbor Park:

The committee comments for the upcoming Town Council meeting regarding the “path” next to the Surf Hotel were to either (1) block it off as it is no longer safe or needed since the new path has been opened or (2) to put in stone steps using rocks that are similar to the breakwater rocks.

7. Old Harbor Dock landscaping:

Nothing new to report on landscaping the grassy area behind the new dock. Margie Comings will get in touch with Josh Moore and discuss options for this fall.

8. Date for Next Meeting:

The date for the next meeting of the OHTF is Monday, July 23, 2012 at noon. The meeting will be held at the new park and the National Hotel if it is allowed; otherwise at Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.

Sincerely yours,

Margie Comings