

Minutes
Old Harbor Task Force
May 21, 2012
Chamber Of Commerce Office

Present: Margie Comings, Arlene Tunney, Jessie Edwards, Debbie Howarth, Doug Gilpin, Kathy Szabo, Becky Ballard, Pat Doyle, Cariona Corcoran
Absent: Fraser Lang, Julie Fuller
Others: Steve Land, Josh Moore

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

1. The minutes from April 18, 2012 were approved with one abstention (Arlene Tunney).
2. Esta's Park:
 - A. Financial Report – As of April 30, 2012 there is \$2,687.52 in the Esta's Park account. However, the committee owes Islandscape, Inc for installing the 47 bricks in the park and for weeding, fertilizing and mulching the park.
 - B. Bricks – There are one or two orders for bricks coming in each week.
 - C. The committee discussed again shade covers for the arbors in Esta's Park. The committee liked the idea of using cedar strips (lattice work) rather than canvas covers for shade. After a number of questions about size, rot and installation, the committee agreed to have Doug Gilpin discuss possible methods of installation with Harold Hatfield. Doug Gilpin made a motion to authorize Islandscape, Inc to install cedar strips (2x2) across the top of both arbors. The motion was seconded by Becky Ballard. The motion was approved unanimously. Margie Comings will get in touch with Harold Hatfield.
 - D. Maintenance – Margie Comings reported that the park land on Lots 146 and 147 did not meet the criteria for URI Master Gardener's program.
 - E. Mapping of Bricks – Margie Comings hopes to start mapping the bricks in Esta's Park this summer. She is looking for someone to help with this project.
 - F. July 4th Parade - Cariona Corcoran will write a letter to the Lion's Club about helping to protect the park before and during the July 4th parade.
 - G. Julie Fuller was absent so fundraisers will be discussed next month.
3. The Taste of Block Island (June 1-3) - The committee decided not to raffle off a brick as a fundraiser. Instead, forms (and a sample brick) will be at the registration table for folks to pick up.
4. Bike Racks, Trash Containers and Dock Improvement:
 - A. Dock Improvement: Steve Land, Harbormaster, and Josh Moore, Dockmaster, reported that benches had been placed along the Old Harbor Dock and by the Harbormaster's Shack. They hope to install picnic tables in the area shortly and asked if we knew of anyone with umbrellas to donate that could be used with the picnic tables. They asked for guidance and help in creating a flower bed in the long, narrow, grassy area just behind the dock (West side). Margie Comings will

set up a meeting with Harold Hatfield and Josh Moore to discuss how this can be accomplished.

- B. Margie Comings will meet with the Town Manager and Mike Shea who is head of the road crew to discuss placement of bike racks and trash cans around the downtown area. The committee noted that more bike racks were needed at the Visitor's Center and along Water Street between the taxi stand and the Surf Hotel and at the park by the Harbor Church. Additional trash cans are needed between Rebecca's Statue and Ballard's.
5. The committee reviewed and unanimously approved the mission statement for the Old Harbor Task Force. It will be forwarded to Amy Land, Finance Director, so she can help us start the process of applying for a 501c3 to make the OHTF tax deductible organization.
6. Pole Harbor Park (Lots 146-47): The committee asked Margie Comings to discuss the mound at the end (East side) of the small lot with Mike Shea and the Town Manager to see whether it can be flattened some next winter. Material was dumped there at the time the temporary asphalt plant was located on that site and it was never cleaned up and the trash removed.
7. Date for Next Meeting: The date for the next meeting of the OHTF is Monday, June 18, at noon at Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 PM.

Sincerely yours,

Margie Comings