



# EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISSION

## Waterfront Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 17, 2021 – 6:30 PM

A remote/virtual meeting was held in accordance with Governor Gina Raimondo's EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-46, JUNE 12, 2020, FORTY-SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION - PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS, EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 21-60, MAY 27, 2021, EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

*Commissioners present via video and audio:*

William Fazioli, Chair	Rick Lawson
Tim Conley, Vice Chair	Domenic Pontarelli
Paul Moura, Secretary	Peter Willey
Steve Hardcastle, Treasurer	David Sluter
Mike Walker	Dan Borges

*Voting Members Absent:*

Luis Torrado  
David O'Connell  
Jennifer Griffith

*Staff present via video and audio:*

Chris Martin, Executive Director	Hanna Wells, Waterfront Intern
Amy Goins, Legal Counsel	

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS** The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and gave an overview of remote meeting protocol.

The Chair announced that Commission Member and Secretary Paul Moura will step down from his position on the board, effective July 1, 2021. Mr. Moura gave brief comments on his tenure with the Waterfront Commission. The Chair announced that Manny Barrows was approved by the City Council on June 15<sup>th</sup> as Mr. Moura's successor, appointed by Councilmember Britto from Ward 1.

- 2. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. VOTE:** The motion by Mr. Lawson to approve the minutes of June 3, 2021 was seconded by Mr. Hardcastle and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

- 3. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. VOTE:** FY21 Q3 Financial Report

Mr. Martin gave an overview of the FY21 Q3 financial report. The actuals are very close to the projected 75% of what was budgeted. No questions or issues were brought up by the Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Moura, seconded by Mr. Pontarelli, the FY21 Q3 Financial Report was accepted by the Commission unanimously.

- B. VOTE:** FY22 Proposed Budget

Mr. Martin gave an overview of the FY22 Proposed budget, which mirrors the FY21 budget that was accepted by the Commission on March 18, 2021. The only difference being \$5,000 moved from legal expenses to outside contract services in anticipation of extra staff time and peer review of large development applications upcoming.

On a motion by Mr. Pontarelli, seconded by Mr. Moura, the FY22 Proposed Budget was accepted by the Commission unanimously.

#### **4. STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Martin updated the Commission on a few items of interest. He noted for the Commission that Fish Head Farms, who were approved for a conditional use of indoor aquaculture at Phillipsdale Landing on June 3, 2021, reached out and indicated that they will no longer be pursuing a lease at Phillipsdale due to “internal issues.” Mr. Martin noted that the conditional approval that was granted is good for two years from when the Notice of Decision was recorded (6/7/21).

Mr. Martin also let the board know that there has been some progress at the Getty property on Massasoit Ave. The owner is working with the Planning Department on subdividing the property and there is movement on the parcel where the former gas station will be re-used as a restaurant by a local restaurant owner. They will be working with the Waterfront Commission on approvals for the restaurant.

#### **5. VOTE: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Moura, seconded by Mr. Hardcastle to adjourn. On voice vote the Waterfront Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHRIS MARTIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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