

TOWN OF EAST HAVEN
Candlelight by the Sea Ad Hoc Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Mac Donald
Committee Member Cofrancesco
Committee Member Schlegel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Committee Member Vellali
Committee Member Moscato
Committee Member Carbo
Committee Member Deko
Committee Member DePalma

Chairman Douglas MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll was called and a quorum was not met.

There were no representatives in attendance tonight from the Sub Committee of the Town Council.

There were 12 members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman MacDonald tabled the approval of the December 6th meeting until the next meeting, as the Acting Clerk hadn't gotten them out to anyone.

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE PLANS OF 147 COSEY BEACH AVENUE

Even though there wasn't a quorum, informal discussions were held. Chairman MacDonald stated that the committee would be addressing the schedule of the 2008 meetings. They will still be held every other Thursday with the next meeting date to be January 10th 2008, with a Saturday date of January 24th as to not leave anyone out who can't attend on Thursday evenings. The venue could be switched if necessary as well if the need arose on short notice.

Topics discussed were the different proposals involved with the property including the Green space program, which information was emailed to interested members from the last meeting. It was stated that the State

would not acquire any open space that is already owned by a municipality. Discussion held with regard to having the consultant Murtha Cullina, who is looking at all options with regards to pollutants on the property and if after that is complete whether or not the demolition will occur and when.

Suggestions were taken from several members of the public with regard to what they would like seen done to the property and the different options that the Town had to go about proceeding with those options.

A member of the public, Steve Haddon, discussed at length along with answering questions from other members of the public with regard to the property and the Plan of Conservation Development which he has been involved with for at least 10 years. He will attend the next meeting with more information for the Committee.

Chairman MacDonald stated that the goal is to preserve the shorefront property, as there is no more shorefront property being made.

Lighting issues, environmental issues, parking issues and the issue of making a gated entrance were discussed with all

Someone from the public stated that as someone who goes to the beach quite often, the use for parking would be great as is maybe a continuation of the beach, but whatever you do there, make sure it wouldn't get ruined by vandals but Mr. Haddon said the property now can't be protected by vandals which are currently happening probably with residents of the Town, not outsiders.

Discussions were held as to why the Town couldn't charge for out of town usage of the beach and it was stated that because the Town had used state funds for the beach we had to leave the beaches open to all. Paying to park was another issue brought up and that is something that will be discussed again at a future time.

Chairman MacDonald stated that the next meeting would be held on January 10th here at the Foxon Recreation Reggie Hatch Center at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Member Cofrancesco made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

and was seconded by Committee Member Schlegel. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk