



# EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISSION

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## Waterfront Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 15, 2023 – 6:30 PM City Hall, Room 306

### *Commissioners present:*

William Fazioli, Chair  
Steve Hardcastle  
Manny Barrows  
Peter Willey  
Steve Amoroso  
Domenic Pontarelli  
David O’Connell  
Jeanne Boyle

### ***Voting Members Absent:***

Jennifer Griffith  
Mike Walker, Commerce RI  
Tim Conley

### *Staff present:*

Raymond Lavey, Executive Director  
Amy Goins, Legal Counsel

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### **1. CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### **2. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Vote: Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2023 meeting**

Motion to approve minutes of May 18, 2023 made by D. O’Connell, Seconded by S. Hardcastle.

Motions passes unanimously.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. FY 24 Budget Adoption – Discuss and Vote**

Chairman Fazioli provided an overview of the FY 24 Budget, describing most of the budget is level funded. The area of the budget that is proposed to be increased by \$15,000 is for contract services that would reserve money in the event the Waterfront Plan needs updates revisions.

There was a discussion on identifying additional revenue streams to provide sustainable income so that the Commission isn’t dependent on grant funding and the rent from Eaton Corporation’s lease.

Motion to approve the FY 24 Budget by D. Pontarelli, Seconded by S. Hardcastle.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

Executive Director R. Lavey provided an update to the Commission on recent meetings he has had with Rhode Island Commerce and on the progress of recent development in the Waterfront District and a letter received by the Commission from Keep Metacomet Green.

Legal Counsel Amy Goins described the Commission has the authority to regulate development and the right to review and approve development within the Waterfront District and that earthwork on the existing Metacomet golf course does not require a building permit.

Chairman Fazioli asked if anyone in the public would like to make a statement or ask questions.

Candy Seel provided comments discussing the letter submitted from Keep Metacomet Green to the Waterfront Commission regarding work done on the Metacomet Golf Course, the development review process, and impact studies.

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

Motion to adjourn by D. O'Connell, seconded by D. Pontarelli. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND LAVEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR