



EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISSION

Waterfront Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 6:30 PM City Hall, Room 306

Commissioners present:

William Fazioli, Chair
Kevin Roche
Chris Fragomeni
Robert Andrade
Jeremy Licht
Domenic Pontarelli
Matthew Shumate

Members Absent:

Jennifer Griffith
Steve Amoroso

Staff present:

Raymond Lavey, Executive Director
Amy Goins, Legal Counsel

1. CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS:

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Vote: Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2026 meeting

Motion to approve minutes of February 19, 2026 made by D. Pontarelli, Seconded by R. Andrade
Motion passes unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Welcome newly appointed Commissioner Matthew Shumate

Chairman Fazioli welcomed newly appointed member Matthew Shumate who introduced himself to the Commission.

B. Public Hearing on requested Conditional Use by East Coast Beverage, LLC, a wine distributor interested in establishing a distribution center in the rear portion of an existing building located at 65 Valley Street, Map 106, Block 1, Parcel 11. No exterior alterations are proposed.

The Hearing Panel’s positive recommendation was provided to the full Waterfront Commission. The public hearing was opened on the petition for a conditional use permit. Following no public testimony, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by D. Pontarelli, seconded by B. Andrade, the commission voted unanimously to accept the advisory opinion of the Hearing Panel and approve the conditional use request.

C. Update on Metacomet Development Project

Commission’s Legal Counsel Amy Goins read a letter dated April 16, 2026 from the Metacomet Project’s

Attorney Joshua Berlinsky into the record. The letter provided an update on the project's progress to date and was requested to be uploaded to the Waterfront Commission's website.

The Commission allowed members of the public to provide public comments. Candy Seel requested her public comments be submitted into the record.

4. STAFF REPORT

Executive Director R. Lavey provided an update to the Commission on recent meetings and other administrative activity over the past month.

5. VOTE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by D. Pontarelli, seconded by J. Licht.

Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND LAVEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR