



EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

Commissioners present:

William Fazioli, Chair
Robert Andrade
Domenic Pontarelli
Jennifer Griffith
Steve Amoroso
Jeremy Licht
Matthew Shumate
Kevin Roche

Members Absent:

Christopher Fragomeni

Staff present:

Raymond Lavey, Executive Director
Amy Goins, Legal Counsel

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:50.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Vote: Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2026

Motion to approve minutes of April 16, 2026 made by M. Shumate, Seconded by D. Pontarelli.
Motion passes unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing on requested Conditional Use by The Narragansett Electric Company to construct an electric substation which includes one transformer and one control house on their property currently used as a regulator station for natural gas at 51 First Street, Map 16, Block 21, Parcel 6.

Jeremy Licht recused himself from this portion of the meeting. The Waterfront Commission reviewed the Hearing Panel's advisory opinion at its Public Hearing and heard testimony from the applicant's attorney George Watson and representatives along with comments from the public.

Following the closure of the public hearing, on a motion by S. Amoroso, seconded by B. Andrade, the commission voted unanimously to accept the advisory opinion of the Hearing Panel and approve the conditional use request. The approval was based on the plans presented in the submitted application. The Waterfront Commission reserves the right to review and approve the final designs for welcome signage to the Waterfront District on the subject property once agreed upon by the City and the applicant.

B. FY 27 Budget Adoption – Discuss and Vote

The commission reviewed the FY27 budget and voted unanimously to approve.

4. STAFF REPORT

The Commission's Counsel Amy Goins provided an update on the Metacomet Development project by reading a letter into the record submitted by the developer's attorney Josh Berlinsky.

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 M. Shumate, seconded by D. Pontarelli.

Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND LAVEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR