

Scituate Harbor Advisory Redevelopment Commission (SHARC – Pier 44)
December 1, 2022 Minutes

The December 1, 2022 Zoom meeting of the Scituate Harbor Advisory Redevelopment Commission (SHARC – Pier 44) was called to order by Paul Bartkiewicz (Chair) at 7:00 PM. Paul called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present:

Commissioners Present

Paul Bartkiewicz

Patrice Maye

Jennifer O'Neill

Nonvoting liaison: Corey Miles (Scituate Coastal Resources Officer)

Pier 44 Park Design Team – Site Investigation and Preliminary Design Concepts

Christine Wilson introduced the Copley Wolff Design Team, and gave a presentation on the status of the Phase 1 site investigation, including schedule, site location, flood zones and alternative potential uses of the park.

The following are some conclusions from the site investigation and conceptual elements for the park that the Commissioners and members of the public discussed during the meeting:

- The site is within a FEMA flood designation (VE 16 on the north side and VE 18 on the south side) that would require that the base of any enclosed building be 7-10 feet higher than the current elevation of the site.
- Universal access for a public building on the site would require a ramp 100-125 feet in length.
- Therefore, it would not be feasible to have an enclosed building on the site (including a new building or relocation of an existing building, such as the historic Humane Society Building that is currently located near the maritime center).
- While it would not be feasible to have a permanent, enclosed restroom building, we plan to have a comfortable restroom (i.e., not a porta potty) on a trailer that would be removed from the site during the winter storm season or other flood-water events.
- We plan to have an open-sided pavilion for events for about 100 people. The roof of the pavilion could reflect an iconic architectural style.
- We plan to have a harborwalk along the shoreline of the park that is integrated with flood-resiliency features.
- We plan to include historic, cultural and artistic features in the park.
- We favor passive recreational elements in the park, such as park benches, picnic tables and an open lawn area.
- The Commission discussed parking for the site, and will seek input from the Town Planning and Development Department and the Planning Board.
- We plan to have a bus stop for the Sloop Bus.

There were extensive questions and comments from the Commissioners and members of the public.

The Commission is working with the Town to compile a list of all current users of the Pier 44 community building, as well as identifying alternative spaces for these activities after the building is demolished. Some of these activities could be at the new park.

The Commission discussed planning for upcoming meetings, including:

- December 12 – presentation to Community Preservation Commission
- December 20 – presentation to Town staff
- January 17 – presentation to Town design review committee
- January-February – SHARC meetings on design concepts
- March – public meetings on design concepts
- April – Town meeting

Approval of Minutes Upon motion made and seconded, the Commissioners by unanimous roll call vote approved the meeting minutes for October 14, 2022.

Reports from Commissioners Jennifer O'Neill, Patrice Maye and Paul Bartkiewicz gave reports on liaison to their respective commissions.

Public Comment There was no public comment.

Adjournment Upon motion made and seconded, the Commissioners by unanimous roll call vote approved adjourning the meeting. Paul adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.