

Ordinance & Administration Standing Committee
Monday, June 15, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
-Minutes-
Remote Meeting

Present: Chair Sean Nolan, Vice Chair Steve LeBlanc, Member Councilor O’Hara

Absent: None

Also Present: Joanne M. Senos, Vanessa Krawczyk, Councilor McCarthy, Peter Seminara

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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1. Application of Sarah Valencik for a Permit for Scientific Research in the Coastal Waters & Tidal Flats in the City of Gloucester pursuant to GCO Ch. 20, Sec. 20-27 “Permits for Scientific Works in coastal waters and flats of city” (continued from 06/01/20)

Ms. Valencik, President of Massachusetts Oyster Project, conveyed to the Committee that she receive the scientific permit from the Division of Marine Fisheries. She contacted the Conservation Commission and received a response this morning via email with the following message “The activities proposed do not appear to rise to the permitting requirements of a notice of intent in the interests of the Wetland Protection Act. However, I do recommend that you file a request for a determination of applicability with the Conservation Commission to confirm this position.” Councilor LeBlanc asked the Shellfish Warden, Peter Seminara, if he was familiar with the Conservation Commission’s process to file a request for a determination. Mr. Seminara replied that he did not know whether the permits issued to the GMGI or Seaside Sustainability had to go before the Conservation Commission. They are not required to come before the Shellfish Advisory Commission as the Ordinances and Administration Committee is the permitting authority. Councilor LeBlanc conveyed to the Committee that the will reach out to Robert Gulla, the Chair of the Conservation Commission, and Public Works Director, Mike Hale, to have everything in order before Tuesday night’s City Council meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council approve under GCO Ch. 20, Sec. 20-27 “Permits for Scientific Works in coastal waters and flats in the city,” a permit for Massachusetts Oyster Project to conduct a scientific study of Mill River to evaluate and quantify how successful the seeding effort has been and identify how many oysters are harvested with the following conditions:

- 1. Acquiring the appropriate permit from Mass. Dept. of Marine Fisheries;**
- 2. Appears before the local Conservation Commission for a negative determination of applicability for the proposed work;**
- 3. Obtain signoffs from the Department of Public Works on behalf of the City Administration as property owners where the work will take place.**

2. CC2019-034 (LeBlanc/Nolan): request O&A and Traffic Commission review the parking at all times of motor vehicles and RV's on Western Avenue from the County Way Landing to the Avis R. Murray Tennis Courts
(Cont'd from 6/1/20)

Councilor LeBlanc conveyed that this council order was submitted to look at the parking issues on the boulevard from the Tavern landing, which is County Way Landing, to the Avis Murray Tennis Courts. He spoke to Councilor Nolan earlier, and they would like to bump this up to city council for a full city council discussion and then refer this matter back to O&A. Councilor LeBlanc said that Councilor McCarthy, who is in attendance tonight, Councilor Cox and Councilor O'Hara has dealt with issues down there. He felt that it would be really good to have a discussion at the City Council meeting. The Committee was in agreement to send this matter to the City Council for discussion only. Council LeBlanc instructed the City Clerk to send an email to the Councilors with the ordinance for the boulevard parking so that they can take a look at it before Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to refer CC2019-034 to the City Council for discussion only.

A motion was made, and seconded and by ROLL CALL the meeting was adjourned at 6:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Senos
City Clerk