

**City Council of the City of New Castle**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Town Hall, 201 Delaware Street, New Castle**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Call to order:** 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson Megginson  
Councilperson Cochran  
Council President Ratchford  
Councilperson Vannucci

Also present:

William Barthel, City Administrator  
Donald Reese, Mayor  
Janet Carlin, City Treasurer  
Daniel Losco, City Solicitor

The President welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Tonight's presentation will be interactive with input from the audience.

**Old Business**

John Fellows of Duffield Associates made a presentation related to suggested aesthetics and materials for the proposed pier at the end of Delaware Street. The permits are expected to be issued in the next week.

In response to public comment, the dock design has been widened to 12 feet up to point of the security gate. Mr. Fellows requested public comment on various materials and designs for decking, railing systems, lighting and wave attenuators.

Mr. Fellows presented the pros and cons of three options including treated yellow pine, synthetic composite or high density hardwoods. The recommendation of Duffield Associates is a high density hardwood, IPE due to longevity and lower cost over time. The dock will be built higher than the previous pier and get less wave action. Consideration is being given to removable decking or a stronger connection to the superstructure.

Mr. Fellows showed pictures of several options for rail systems and recommends simpler design. Residents asked about matching the railing to the wharf. The response is that there are safety concerns around the wharf design due to the finials, but they would look at replacing the wharf fencing to match the dock.

Duffield Associates recommends lights to match the lights used on the former pier. Several fixtures from the old dock can be reused. At the request of a resident, they will investigate the ability to add a screen to shield the homes north of the dock from light.

Several options for floating wave attenuators were presented. Duffield Associates recommends using the brand WhisperWave. There are different models of wave attenuators to accommodate the different circumstances of rivers, lakes, etc. They will be removed and stored each winter. The color will be matched to the water with white on the ends for safety. There may be solar powered lights at each end to assist with safe navigation.

**Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution No. 2015-04**, a vote on a Resolution to approve or not approve, the building of a pier at the end of Delaware Street.

The Motion to consider Resolution No. 2015-04 was made by Councilperson Cochran and seconded by Councilperson Megginson.

President Ratchford read the resolution.

Dave Baldini of South Street asked that both the terms “dock” and “pier” be used in the Resolution.

Dorsey Fiske of East 3rd Street asked that the vote be held until after the City election in April. She commented that nothing has been done to protect the town from flooding and believes that the money would be better spent on protection from potential damage from water from the river.

Mr. Barthel read a letter supporting the resolution from Councilperson Petty due to her inability to attend and vote.

Resolution No. 2015-04 passed unanimously.

Mr. Vannucci asked that a committee be formed to make material selections.

**The motion to adjourn** was made by Councilperson Megginson, seconded by Councilperson Cochran and passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Wurtzel  
Clerk of the City of New Castle