

MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 25, 2019 - 5:30 p.m. Room 315 Dartmouth Town Hall

A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 315 of Dartmouth Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gerald Hickey. Present were members: Roger Race, Kevin Murphy and Patricia Sweriduk. Also present was Steven Melo – Harbormaster

Mr. Hickey reviewed the Agenda for the meeting. It was moved by Mr. Race and seconded by Mrs. Sweriduk to accept the agenda.

The minutes of the last meeting of June 10, 2019 were reviewed and discussed. It was moved (R. Race) and seconded (K. Murphy) to accept and post the minutes as presented. All approved.

A. **Harbor Master Plan next steps:** The next step would be for each Commission member to select their 3-5 highest priority action items from the Plan for Waterways to focus upon.

- a. **P. Sweriduk** chose as her top priority of the Management Plan to put together an implementation committee which will also facilitate cooperation and communication. Mr. Marshall commented that other groups we need to work with may have their own set of priorities. An implementation group could unite the stakeholders. Priority #2 is found under the commercial harbor users Goal 1, Objective 1 – to ensure commercial uses of the harbor are quantified and sufficient to meet local needs. Mr. Race says this feeds in the need to define the VALUE of the harbor to the Town. He is working with a professor at the UMASS Charlton School of Business. Priority #3 is the dedicated fishing pier and/or a commercial dock for offloading. Priority #4 is found in the Plan’s Harbormaster list #15 – outreach materials for dock/pier applicants for licensing expectations. Priority #5 is marina development with an emphasis on kayak acces.
- b. **K. Murphy** Chose Priority #1 as the fishing pier. He sees it as the lowest hanging fruit and sees a need to bring it to fruition. Priority #2 is a municipal marina with state grant funding.
- c. **G. Marshall** listed his priorities as 1. Fishing pier, 2. Marina, 3. Security cameras around the harbor, 4. Encourage uses and activities around and along the waterfront. And 5. Streamlining the dock license process.
- d. **R. Race** listed his priorities as: 1. Communication; 2. Implementation committee; 3. Harbor value study; 4. Fishing pier; 5. Security cameras at every feasible location; and 6. Weather station going on-line.
- e. **W. Hathaway** gave his highest priorities as 1. Communication, stating that it has long-been the issue in Town; and 2. Building a Town Marina, this will require considerable town-wide cooperation.
- f. **G. Hickey** gave his top priority as the need to collaborate with ConCom to refine the working relationship over pier/dock construction. He reiterated the need for Department compensation for the work the Harbormaster must do on each project. He wants to determine who can authorize a fee being imposed?
- g. **Compiled Waterways List:** **1. Management Plan Implementation Committee.** The Select Board must be willing to create and support that committee. It was suggested that WWAYS could deliver to the Select Board a suggested list stakeholders to consider members from; **2. Economic Value of the Harbor Study.** Research and identify a real, hard number that represents the value of the harbor to the Town of Dartmouth; **3. Fishing Pier.** Grant-funded and needed to keep the bridge passable; **4. Harbor-wide security system.** **5. Dock/pier permitting process coordination.** There’s a great need to step-back and review the current process, find a way to incorporate waterways needs and plans. Currently there

are competing regulations that require un-coordinated efforts. The Plan has well-written recommendations along these lines. G.. Marshall moves, and P. Sweriduk seconds this list be the consensus of the Waterways Commission regarding Plan priorities. All voted in favor, unanimously.

B. Maritime Center

- a. The Punch-list of items remaining include: Dinghy rack, rubber beach mats and security cameras.
- b. K. Murphy read an email exchange he had with Select Board Chair Stanley Mickelson which places the continuation of Maritime Center projects in Deborah Wender's control as Mr. MacInnes is on vacation this week.
- c. K. Murphy made a motion to ask that the Waterways Commission be placed on the Select Board meeting agenda for their July 8, 2019 meeting. P. Sweriduk sought a confirmation of an invitation to that meeting and a specific time they would be scheduled. No vote was taken as there was no apparent second of that motion.

C. Proposed fishing Pier:

- a. K. Murphy reported that this project is where it is. Nothing more has been announced and it is in the hands of the Select Board and the State DMF.

D. Marine Fisheries:

- a. The State canceled the seed delivery for Dartmouth. The upweller project will not proceed for 2019 with the resources available to the Department.
- b. The Contaminated quahog relay will proceed along the north side of the causeway in July.

E. Dock/Pier projects:

- a. G. Hickey asked how the appeal from local review occurs. P. Sweriduk explained that the State can to issue superseding orders of conditions that could overrule ConCom action.

F. Dias Landing:

- a. Nothing was discussed on this subject.

G. Abandoned sailboat:

- a. The Harbormaster has re-posted the required legal notice in the correct publication, as directed by the State Division of Law Enforcement. It will be disposed of once title is received by the Town.

H. The Harbormaster announced that a "paint the harbor" event will showcase the harbor access points on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Painters will be invited to set-up easels at various access points around the harbor and paint their perspective.

I. Waterways voted unanimously to have the Harbormaster select the location for installation of the large life-ring at the Maritime Center. The feasibility of a second ring was suggested. Waterways also voted unanimously to seek approval for installation of the Maritime Center weather station instruments on the District 1 antenna.

J. Next meeting: Monday July 8, 2019, if invited to attend the Select Board meeting that night.

No public comment, the meeting was voted unanimously adjourned at 19:15 p.m.