

## MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, September 4, 2019-4:30 P.M. Dartmouth Town Hall Room 315

A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 315 of Dartmouth Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gerald Hickey. Present were members: Kevin Murphy, Andy Herlihy, Geoff Marshall, and Patty Sweriduk. Also present was Steven Melo-Harbormaster.

Mr. Hickey reviewed the Agenda for the meeting. It was moved by Kevin Murphy and seconded by Patty Sweriduk to accept the Agenda. The motion to accept the Agenda was approved. The minutes of the last meeting of June 25, 2019 were reviewed and discussed. It was moved ( Geoff Marshall) and seconded (Andy Herlihy) to accept and post the minutes as presented. All approved.

- A. Capital Projects:** A comprehensive five-year Capital Plan developed by Harbormaster Steve Melo was discussed and reviewed. A discussion of the items followed and the following revisions were made:
1. **Shellfish/Work boat** will be due for a new engine in 2024. Expected cost: \$20 K.
  2. **Pumpout Boat 2** will be due for a new engine in 2025. Expected cost: \$20K. Hull Paint expected cost: 1K in 2020. Engine swap: \$2K in 2020.
  3. **Summer Rescue Boat:** \$175 K in 2020. FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared Radar) in 2025. Expected cost: \$20 K.
  4. **Winter Rescue Boat:** will need 2 new engines in 2021. Expected cost: \$35K. Electronics replacement in 2026. Expected cost \$15K.
  5. **Shellfish/workboat** will need an engine swap in 2020. Expected cost: \$1K. In 2024, a new engine replacement is expected to cost \$20K.
  6. **Vehicles:** Harbormaster Truck will need new tires in 2020. Expected cost: \$2K. New Truck will be needed in 2023. Expected cost: \$50 K. Deputy Harbormaster Truck expected cost in 2020: \$3.5 K. (Old HM truck to become Deputy M Truck in 2023).
  7. **Facilities:** New Waste Pump in 2020. Expected cost: \$10K. Town Pier/Dias Landing Survey/Evaluation. Expected cost: \$2 K. Dias Landing Facility feasibility study expected cost: \$75 K.
- a. The **Parker boat** is **not** suited for summer rescue/emergency tasks. Its hull design, window size and placement, electronics as well as its single engine and other aspects such as previous modifications make it a poor choice for this purpose. The center console boat in our 2020 capital request remains the best boat for tasks associated with rescue and emergencies during the boating season. Winter storage for this boat was discussed. Inside storage may double the lifespan of a new boat and is highly recommended. This expense goes into the operating budget and site options may include the lease of commercial space.
1. **Funding Breakdown:** Steve has asked for funding for the new rescue boat from retained earnings of 100K. The rest would be funded from an existing grant.
- b. **Deputy Vehicle:** As noted above, the current HM truck will need to be replaced in 2023 with an expected cost of \$50K. That truck would then become the Assistant HM truck. Fire District 1 has a used truck that our Assistant HM could now use for an estimated three years with a purchase price of \$3.5K. The Harbormaster's 1995 Humvee is to be auctioned off, and FD has an interest in making a trade, but that would need to be discussed further.
- c. **Long-term Planning:** It was discussed that a twenty-year plan could be developed during 2019-2020.

**B. Maritime Center-Remaining Tasks**

**a. Security Cameras/Weather Station:** The security cameras appear to be recording in a closed loop but not connected to our internet. The Town is developing a town-wide security system that will be connected.

**b. Dinghy Rack/Rubber Ramp:** We ordered the dinghy rack through Town Hall for \$1,900. The rubber ramp has been ordered but the area needs to be stabilized first. DPW has been asked to fix the damaged area and put in a rain berm.

**C. Dock/Pier projects and related issues in Town:** The recreation area in the west side of the upper harbor is designated for high-speed activities (jet skis, waterskiing, tubing, etc.). Four proposed corner coordinates have been suggested by the Harbormaster to define the traditionally recognized recreational area. It was moved, seconded and voted to accept the map of the recreation area and submit it to the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and anyone else concerned with use and development in that area. Four corner buoys may be installed at a later date.

**D. Dias Landing**

**a. Power to the pole (FY 2019)** The MA prevailing wage law prevented earlier contracts for connection. Under the provision that allows for a sole practitioner to bid on such projects, we have a bid and the Town Manager has allowed us to move ahead with. The estimated cost is \$2k.

**E. Yates Appeal Denied by DEP:** Mr. Yates' appeal to DEP regarding a mooring was denied. The HM's decision was upheld. It is noted that there is no right to an adjudicatory hearing.

**F. Harbormaster Office/Staffing:**

**a. Candidates/Postings:** Available job postings were published in early spring of 2019. The HM did not receive the applications/resumes for seasonal employees until August from the Town. Our M is only authorized to hire an "Assistant Harbormaster."

**b. Clerical Position:** Still open & included in the operating budget, and very much needed.

**c. Contracts:** both are still waiting anything from Town Hall.

**G. Paint the Harbor event-Saturday September 21, 2019:** Many painters will paint from all public access points, their perspective of the harbor. There will be a party on South Wharf following with an opportunity to bid on the artwork.

**H. Public Comment:** There was no public comment. The meeting was voted unanimously adjourned at 18:30 p.m.

**I. Next Meeting/Meeting Schedule:** The Town Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2019.

The next Waterways Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.