

MINUTES OF WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

September 17, 2015

A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Dartmouth Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gerald Hickey. Present were members Roger Race and Joseph Hannon. Also present was Mr. Steven Melo, Harbormaster. The meeting lacked a quorum of members for an official meeting, so it was decided that an informal discussion would occur following a scheduled presentation. These notes of activity are reported in lieu of minutes for the scheduled agenda that lacked a quorum.

Mr. Hickey reviewed the agenda. Mr. Race moved to accept the agenda. Mr. Hannon seconded. So Moved.

The minutes of the prior meeting were discussed, but without a quorum, no vote was taken.

New Business.

CLE Engineering Presentation: Susan Nilson, PE of CLE Engineering in Marion gave a presentation of factors for optimizing, re-gridding or re-aligning the mooring field south of the Padanaram Bridge.

WMC Membership: A discussion was held regarding the need for the Town to advertise the two open positions on the Waterways Commission. Mr. Hickey will contact David Cressman to post the openings on the Town website.

Water Street House: An update and discussions regarding possibility of Town applying for Seaport Council Maritime Enhancement Grant for acquisition of waterfront property for public access and municipal presence upon the Padanaram waterway. Roger Race volunteered to communicate with Deborah Wender Molina regarding pursuit of grant opportunities.

Deputy Assistant Harbormaster Process: Upon completion of the screening process, interviews, and practical aptitude testing, it was announced that Mr. Robert Miller was the unanimous selection as the most qualified candidate for this position by the volunteers involved in the selection process. Mr. Melo announced his appreciation for the efforts of all who volunteered their time and expertise to make this selection for the Department. Mr. Cressman appeared for this final topic of discussion and stated that the appointment would be presented to the select board at their next meeting.

Public Comment: None.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 27, 2015 at 4:00 pm in Town Hall.

The informal meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Melo, Harbormaster