

MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday January 19, 2021 - 4:00 p.m. Zoom Remote meeting

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A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2021. This meeting was held remotely through zoom due to the Governor's COVID-19 ban on large public gatherings.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hickey. Present and participating were members: Gerald Hickey, Roger Race, Andy Herlihy, Warren Hathaway, Kevin Murphy, Geoff Marshall. Also present were Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) representatives Allison Novelly and Steven Bliven, and Select Board Chairman Frank Gracie.
2. The **minutes** of the last meeting of 12/15/20 were reviewed and discussed. It was moved by Roger Race and seconded by Kevin Murphy to accept and post the minutes as presented. All approved by roll call vote.
3. **UHI Marina Feasibility Study Update, Contract Status:** Allison Novelly described the comparative marina facility survey they are undertaking. Detailed examination of the model in use by the Town of Marion, MA will be used. Roger Race answered questions regarding new bathymetry data for the landing area. New depth charting will be available for the final report.
4. **Harbor Management Plan:** Roger Race has been invited by the Town Administrator and Select Board member Tatelbaum to meet and discuss the progress on, needs of and future steps toward implementation of the Harbor Management Plan. A meeting in the coming month is designed to move the implementation of that Plan forward. Mr. Race intends to highlight the need for, and the Plan's call for inter-Departmental cooperation and coordination on Harbor improvement issues. Mr. Race will report back to the Commission following this meeting.
5. **Dias Landing:**
 - a. **DEG and Security Cameras:** Mr. Melo gave an update of the ongoing "difficulties" in getting this issue resolved. DEG failed to appear as scheduled to complete the camera installation project on the prior Wednesday. He noted that they wanted to work on Thursday, but he was already committed to taking water samples with Marine Fisheries that day. He left the issue with a request that the Town Administrator tell Mr. Melo when DEG was finished and a review of the placement was needed from the Harbormaster. Mr. Gracie expressed his continued dismay at the business practices of the contractor and handling of this project by the Town. Mr. Gracie will continue to watch over the process and progress with an interest in a positive final outcome. Mr. Hickey reported that he sent two emails to the Town Administrator expressing the disparity between the many hours wasted by Town employees and volunteers against DEG's promise of free equipment additions. He is still waiting for a response to those emails. Mr. Gracie said that the Commission requests on this project are not unreasonable. The fact that contractors state they will appear on a certain date, and fail to do so without notice is disrespectful and he will follow up on that. Mr. Gracie also gave the Commission an update on the Town's stalled efforts to get in line for State fishing pier funding.
 - b. **Lighting Fixture move:** Mr. Melo gave an update on the procurement process giving Pine Ridge the contract, as lowest bidder, to remove the three lighting fixtures from the compromised wooden pole at the head of the Town pier. They will install those fixtures and two new LED fixtures on the remaining two poles to provide security and safety lighting to

compliment the camera system. An email was sent asking Pine Ridge for an expected work schedule, but without response. Mr. Murphy added that he has been in touch with Dan Reed of Pine Ridge. They are waiting for delivery of a particular light that has been back-ordered. He will update as more is learned.

6. **Safe Boat Purchase Order:** Mr. Melo gave a review of the meticulous process that was followed leading up to the recent contract for the Department's new rescue/patrol vessel. It is expected that the boat will arrive sometime before next season. Upon arrival, the only work planned will be to barrier-coat and apply multiple layers of bottom paint. It will otherwise be "turn-key" for use.
7. **Legal Opinion Request:** Mr. Melo defined the issue requested to be addressed by Town Counsel in relation to 310 C.M.R. 9.38(2)(b). The extent that reliance upon other Town Boards needs to be defined and a proper route for cooperation is requested. The request has been submitted to the Town Administrator for approval of the work sought.
8. **No further issues to be discussed.**
9. **Next meeting** is scheduled (remotely) by Zoom for 4:00 p.m. on **2/16/2021**.
10. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote at 5:05 p.m.