

MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday February 16, 2021 - 4:00 p.m. Zoom Remote meeting
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A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 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 all Commission members: Gerald Hickey, Roger Race, Andy Herlihy, Warren Hathaway, Kevin Murphy, Geoff Marshall, and Patty Sweriduk. Also present was Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) representatives Allison Novelly and Steven Bliven, Select Board Chair Frank Gracie and FinCom Waterways Liaison Robert Gauvin .
2. The **minutes** of the last meeting of 1/19/21 were reviewed and discussed. It was moved by Kevin Murphy and seconded by Andy Herlihy to accept and post the minutes as presented. All approved by roll call vote.
3. **UHI Marina Feasibility Study Update, Contract Status:** Allison Novelly explained that UHI-UMass Boston has been working on a comparable study with similar municipalities that have public marinas. Mr. Murphy asked if all contracts have been executed or signed to satisfy UHI and the Seaport Economic Council? Ms. Novelly answered that she believes so. Mr. Melo reports that he submitted all requested paperwork and also believes that everything is complete from the waterways perspective.
4. **Dias Landing**
 - a. **DEG and Security Cameras:** Mr. Melo reports that the camera install appears to be complete. He has reported that the images on the shack monitor accurately reflect the view from that building's windows. He cannot report on the recording or remote access capabilities at this time, as he has no such access. Mr. Murphy motions that a letter be drafted to Mr. MacInnes seeking written clarification on the issues of remote access and recording of images. All voted unanimously in favor. It was reported that payment to DEG was being withheld by Treasurer Barnes until satisfaction on the project was confirmed. According to Mr. Melo, no change has been made on that position by Mr. Barnes. Mr. Glen Leman, a neighbor to the facility, asked if the cameras are dependent upon the facility lighting? Mr. Melo responded that the cameras seem to be functional on "low light" capacity, however he was not advised as to how much light is required to produce visible recordings.
 - b. **Lighting moves:** Harbormaster Melo advised that the 3 existing light fixtures have been relocated to two stronger poles, with two additional fixtures added for the dinghy and kayak racks. The oldest pole will be partially removed to reduce the risk of that pole falling. Pineridge Tech and Dan Reed performed the changes and routed the power through the shack. One light appears to still be an issue, but it is on a separate circuit. That one light that faces down the ramp can be turned off separately. Mr. Murphy finds some improvement of the light pollution, but more needs to be done to reduce light pollution. Mr. Hathaway reports that he has not noticed any differences as of yet. Mr. Marshall asked if the fixture shields are easy to adjust. He feels that the addition of shields or visors might be beneficial. Mr. Murphy believes that side shields or visors might focus the light on the launch ramps as needed. Mr. Glen Leman showed several photos of the lighting effect on his property. He described issues with the Park Dept. basketball court lights and the angle of adjustment of several of the lights. Mr. Leman reports that some of the lights are strong enough to cast

shadows within his house. Mr. Hickey reports that the movement of lights has been a three year project, and they want to get it right. He explained that the basketball lights are under the control of the Park Dept. It was decided that alternatives would be explored with Pineridge Tech for lights that would balance the needs of the cameras and removal of light pollution across the harbor. Mr. Gracie stated that LED bulbs are not dimmable, but perhaps a less intense bulb might work.

5. Rogers Street Waterways Access Facility

- a. **Sand accumulation continues** - no serious rain has resulted in no clearing of the ramp. very little precipitation results in little hydraulic force to blast the sand off the ramp. Andy Herlihy confirms no change in the status quo.

6. Maritime Center:

- a. Mr. Melo received a report that someone had reported the possibility of someone living in one of the winterized shower stalls. He responded and found a faulty door lock, but not evidence of habitation. It was clear that someone had been inside the shower unit, and left litter behind, but no damage was seen. Mr. Lancaster, building maintenance, reported that changes were being made to the door locks. Mr. Murphy announced his desire to install benches in the shower rooms based upon his recent travels. He also seeks larger garbage barrels inside each room. He believes that \$400-\$500 would deliver the level of accommodation that Mr. Stanley Mickelson previously promised, Ms. Sweriduk suggest putting specifics in writing.

7. **Budget Process:** Mr. Melo described the requests being made regarding a 10% budget cut scenario, along with a level-funded budget proposal. He explained that the anticipated fuel costs are a big unknown. He continues to work on the requested data for the FinCom and submitting the essay and information requested.

8. **Harbor Management Implementation:** Roger Race reported that the Implementation group has been identified by the Select Board. A meeting is established with the Select Board to describe their plans going forward. The harbor value is an important task and NOAA has volunteered to identify the value of several local harbors. It was a productive discussion. NOAA has models and data sets that are the basis for accurate valuation of the harbor to the Town. The impact of sea level rise of a given quantity will produce measurable economic impacts.

9. **Town Counsel Services:** Mr. Melo announced the progress of the request for Town Counsel services on the issue of preserving the recreational area on the north western area of upper Apponagansett Bay. The request is before Town Counsel and is being researched now.

10. **Patrol/Rescue Boat Order:** The new boat has been ordered from Safeboat in Bremerton, WA. Our vessel is considered a small order and will be fulfilled between the contracts for larger Safeboat orders. It was reported that delivery could be accomplished before next season, but the contract required a one-year completion window. It will be turn-key upon delivery, however Mr. Melo will put out a request for bid for barrier coat and bottom paint with the remaining funds. The bottom paint needs to be specific to an aluminum hull. Copper will destroy aluminum and Mr. Melo wants an epoxy barrier coat on the hull before the paint is applied to prolong the longevity of the hull.

11. **Year end report to the Town:** Mr. Melo submitted the required annual town report to the Town Administrator for inclusion into the Town Report. The report covers the required state of the Town waterways and other data required to satisfy the reporting requirements of the Department. Mr. Bliven asked if the report mentions the management plan? Mr. Melo outlined the portions of the Plan that are included in the Town Report. Mr. Hathaway asked what the length of the new boat would be. Mr. Melo reported that it is a 23' center console. That allows easy access for a single operator to small boats and swimmers. A cabin is a hindrance for summer activities.

12. The next meeting is scheduled (remotely) by Zoom for 4:00 p.m. on 3/23/2021

13. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.