

MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday May 25, 2021 - 4:00 p.m. Zoom Remote meeting

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A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 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, and Patricia Sweriduk. Also present were Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) representative Allison Novelly, Select Board Chairman Frank Gracie, and Finance Committee member Robert Gauvin.
2. The **minutes** of the past meeting (April 27, 2021) could not be reviewed for acceptance since the recording has not been posted by DCTV yet.
3. **UHI Marina Feasibility Study Update, Contract Status:** Allison Novelly gave an update on the feasibility study underway. She outlined what has already been done, and what tasks are remaining. During this presentation, HM Melo and Deputy HM Miller were called away for a distress call in the Round Hill Beach area. The meeting continued in their absence.
4. **Harbor Management Plan:** Roger Race described the efforts and progress made toward the subcommittee's tasked Harbor Management Plan implementation oversight. They continue to work on prioritization and logical plans of timing and attack on the recommendations made in that Plan.
5. **Dias Landing:**
 - a. **Coastal Zone Management (CZM) grant:** Mr. Race outlined a State CZM grant opportunity that the Town seems to think will address repair of the one seawall along the north edge of Apponagansett Point. Partially on both Park Department and Public Access Board Landing properties, it is thought that a resiliency grant might benefit the entire length of wall.
 - b. **Street Sweeper DPW request:** Mr. Melo is unavailable to elaborate due to being called out on a rescue, but he has asked that DPW sweep the lot clear of shells, sand and other small debris. Park Dept. has resumed grass cutting in exchange for their Wednesday night concert parking use.
 - c. **Public Access Board line painting:** The State Public Access Board announced that their maintenance department will be closing down the Dias Landing for one day in June so they can re-paint the parking lines and other markings on the asphalt. Mr. Melo asked for a delay to outside the busy launching season, but was denied. Notice will go out to all commercial haulers.
6. **Permit Renewals:**
 - a. **Payment reporting problems from Town Collector:** Mr. Melo will need to report on this upon his return, or at a subsequent meeting.
 - b. **"easier" billing method, raised again:** Another issue that Mr. Melo will report on later.
 - c. **"lost decal" calls:** This refers to the routine events facing the Harbormaster Office. Numerous people just do not check their mail carefully enough to find the thin decals either stuck in the envelope or fallen where the mail was opened.
7. **Seasonal staffing/Clerical:** Mr. Melo will need to discuss this upon his return from the rescue call or at a later meeting.
8. **Open Tasks/"spinning plates" list:** Mr. Melo was asked by the Chair to compile a quick listing of all the tasks or issues that he is working on in addition to the day-to-day demands of his Department. This list shows much, but not all of what is going on. The emergency call that pulled Mr. Melo out of this meeting has not yet ended and he has not been able to rejoin this meeting to explain further.
9. **Next meeting** is scheduled (remotely) by Zoom for 4:00 p.m. on **6/22/2021**.
10. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote @ 5:30 p.m.