

MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday January 17, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. Zoom/Remote Meeting
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A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023. This meeting was held remotely under the Governor's COVID-19 allowances for public gatherings.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m by Chairman Hickey. Present and participating were members: Gerald Hickey, Roger Race, Andy Herlihy, TJ Salvidio and Kevin Murphy. Also present was HM Melo and Fin Com Representative Chairman Robert Gauvin. Absent was Commissioner Sweriduk. Commission Candidates Naomi Rappaport and Dana Dornbusch were also present.
2. **Minutes of the prior meetings: 11/21/2022** moved for approval by Kevin Murphy and seconded by TJ Salvidio. All voted to approve as presented unanimously. Meeting of **12/20/2022** moved for approval by Roger Race and seconded by Andy Herlihy. With TJ Salvidio abstaining due to his absence, all remaining voted unanimously to approve.
3. **Candidate Interviews:** First up was **Naomi Rappaport**, as her application was first received. Naomi and her husband Kevin Brown are 25+ year Dartmouth residents. She is a retired physician with a strong science background. They are not NBYC members, but spend considerable time aboard their Southern Cross 28 moored along Smith Neck Road. They have extensive cruising experience which they enjoy sharing with the Harbormaster. She would like to bring cruising experiences and ideas to Padanaram and see better use of the Maritime Center. Next was Dana Dornbusch, 1 ½ years retired from the Mitre Corp in Bedford, MA. She was Chief of Staff for the CIO and in charge of strategic planning and a \$110 million budget. She and her husband, Walter Piescik have been full-time Dartmouth residents for 3 years and have 2 sailboats moored in Dartmouth. They cruise extensively in New England waters, as well as in the Caribbean. Dana reports not many complaints about Padanaram, beyond the length of the waiting list. She would bring to the Commission her ability to assist with strategic planning. She would like to learn more about the rhythm of the waterways calendar, and how best practices are learned from other harbors, and what are the funding sources available. Following the presentations and questions, Roger Race commented that BOTH candidates are well qualified and he would like to retain both. TJ Salvidio suggests that executive session would best to consider the applicants for appointment to the Commission without necessitating any possible public discussion of the reputation or character of individual candidates. TJ Salvidio moves, Roger Race 2nds and it was voted unanimously by roll call to enter executive session at 4:23 p.m.
4. **Open meeting session resumes at 4:33 p.m.** as moved by Roger Race and seconded by TJ Salvidio, all vote in favor. Mr. Hickey announces that he will notify each of the candidates for the Commission's decision from executive session. The final appointment must come from the Select Board. **Rogers Street roof leak:** Mr. Hickey reports that the outer entrance of 12 Rogers Street began leaking during the recent Christmas storm. The Harbormaster was directed by the Town Administrator to consult with Tim Lancaster. Mr. Lancaster has limited availability due to a work injury. The Harbormaster was advised that prevailing wage laws will apply for any contractor who hires along any help on this project. Mr. Lancaster reports that it has been very difficult to find a capable contractor who can both swing a hammer and navigate the red-tape of prevailing wage certification. HM Melo asked for any suggestions to address this emergency situation brought on by a recent storm. Various independent contractors were suggested by members.
5. **Project Updates:**
 - a. SEC award letters for 2 recent awards were issued to the Town to accept. Mr. Murphy reports that the State is waiting for endorsement by the Town.

- b. Harbor Management Plan Implementation Committee (HMPIC)- In Patty Sweriduk's absence, Roger Race reports that they are moving right along with all current projects. His question is what projects to pursue next from the SEC? The Town Administrator (TA) suggested an overview study of Rogers Street, including ramp rebuild/relocation and best use survey. A separate study of the Dias landing area to determine and design the highest and best use of the area in terms of public waterway access and municipal facilities. Mr. Race is not sure who could be contracted to tell us how to better use the landing that seems to serve the public well. Mr. Race would prefer more dredging action for a second grant application. HM Melo sees the desire for a study of the Dias Landing to be more of a municipal planning exercise, or maybe a combination planning and engineering project. Mr. Murphy wants to focus upon the collapsing seawall issue for any SEC application at the Landing. TJ Salvidio suggests that any feasibility study for the highest and best use of the Dias Landing or shared use of the peninsula might work. Mr. Hickey asked the status of "Cody's project" which was better defined as the CZM resiliency study report heard at our prior meeting. That report submitted apparently concluded the CZM project.
6. **Dias Landing:** Mr. Race asked if we have a signed MOU with Parks Department? It was reported that HM Melo submitted a version of the way things have been operating, the Parks Dept. replied with a version that sought an undefined % of Landing revenues and sought to restrict the number of boats at the facility. There is no agreement and it remains unclear how much authority the HM or waterways has to bind the Select Board (owners of record) for the Landing at the Landing. Mr. Murphy believes that Parks and WMC are definitely on the same page with respect to the seawall. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to the authority and process to negotiate an MOU for the facility. Mr. Salvidio noted displeasure as a taxpayer over the circular non-progress on this issue. It was decided that Mr. Murphy and Mr. Salvidio would meet with the Park Dept. at one of their meetings to discuss a resolution and shared success at the peninsula. Mr. Hickey will write to the TA to let him know that these two members will meet with the Commission's authorization for the stated purpose of making some MOU headway for the select board to review and delegate as they see fit.
7. **Seaport Economic Council:** Mr. Hickey asks what next to meet the May 1st SEC deadline? Mr. Race suggests a meeting later in the week at Rogers Street with FOTH and CBC. He asks who at Town Hall is now writing and submitting the grants since Cody has departed? Roger cannot take on that responsibility. Andy Herlihy reports that CBC will assist with the grant applications where possible. Roger Race is leary of any additional grant applications for the Dias Landing without first obtaining a completed MOU prior to any SEC application. Mr. Race would like to focus upon a comprehensive Rogers Street grant.
8. **Public Comment: None.**
9. **Next meeting** is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on 2/7/2023 via remote/zoom technology.
10. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote @ 5:29 p.m.