

MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday November 16, 2023 - 12:00 noon. Zoom/Remote Meeting
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A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2023. This meeting was held remotely under the Governor's COVID-19 allowances for public gatherings.

1. The meeting was called to order at noon by Chairman Roger Race. Present and participating were members: Vice Chair Andy Herlihy, Kevin Murphy, Dana Dornbusch, TJ Salvidio, and Patty Sweriduk. Also present was HM Melo.
2. **Commission Composition:** Roger Race reports regarding his discussions with candidates Langhauser and Powell. He reported that Andrea Langhauser would like to be appointed to a three year term as a Waterways Commission Member, while Eli Powell would appreciate consideration as an ad-hoc Commission Member. The Town by-law (Section 104) permits the Commission to appoint ad hoc members as desired from time to time. Ad hoc members do not need Select Board approval, but HM Melo offers that it might assist the Board to understand that both current candidates are being addressed. It was moved (TJ Salvidio) and Seconded (Patty Sweriduk) to recommend to the Select Board the appointment of Andrea Langhauser to the open Waterways Management Commission seat. By roll vote, that motion was unanimously approved. It was moved (TJ Salvidio) and seconded (by Kevin Murphy) to appoint Eli Powell as an ad hoc (non-voting) position with the Commission. That motion was also unanimously approved by roll vote. Roger Race will write a letter to the Select Board outlining this activity. He will also call the Board Chair to explain the recommendation and vote.
3. **Public Comment/Any issue not known 48 hours in advance of meeting:** Kevin Murphy asked to address a recently-discovered Community PReservation Committee (CPC) grant funding deadline of 12/15/23. He would like to pursue Seaport Economic Council (SEC) grant funding to replace the tired and broken dinghy racks at the Dias Landing. He suggests that a small grant amount of about \$60,000 from SEC, with a 20% match of \$12,000 from CPC would replace the remaining original racks with the improved design and construction. The December 15 deadline for CPC determination application for the June Town Meeting is prior to the May 2024 SEC deadline, but coming up quickly. Mr. Murphy moves that Waterways submit a CPC eligibility form for the grant match, to be followed by an SEC application. HM Melo reminds the Commission that Town Hall approval to apply will be required before he can sign off, and Waterways will need to get some price estimates to back up the grant applications. He questions if this could impact a pending feasibility study for the entire Apponagansett peninsula. Andy Herlihy seconds that motion, all vote in support by roll vote
4. **Next meeting** is scheduled for noon. on Wednesday January 17, 2024 via remote/zoom.
5. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote @ 12:18 p.m.