

MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday April 11, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. Zoom/Remote Meeting

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A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 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, TJ Salvidio, Andy Herlihy, Kevin Murphy and Dana Dornbusch. Also present was HM Melo
2. **Minutes of the prior meeting: 3/7/2023** tabled for next meeting. Not completed in time.
3. **Rogers Street Waterways Access Facility:** (a) HM Melo gave an update on the Seaport Economic Council (SEC) proposed grant for a feasibility study of the Rogers Street area. SB Chair Tattlebaum has concerns over the water quality closures of the Cove and wants to delay this grant application for 6 months. TA MacInnes will push ahead and write the grant. Roger Race agrees that the CSO closures would warrant a delay. He also relayed that he and Patty Sweriduck met with TA MacInnes who assured them that he would have the grant and related issues "in-hand" by this WWAYS meeting. TJ Salvidio wants to push ahead with the Rogers Street grant to relieve parking at the Dias Landing. (b) The proposed meeting between DEP, Town and City regarding the CSO issue causing the closure of Clarks Cove was postponed to a later date. Andy Herlihy noted the confusion caused between notices from Dartmouth and New Bedford over the need to cancel programs (c) DEP is stepping up closure notices for lobster and groundfish pollution. DEP wants a meeting to discuss putting up additional signs. (d) Mr. Melo relayed the results of a DEP visit to the Rogers Street site for AUL compliance. They noted cracks in the asphalt which will need fixing to avoid fines. A formal correction letter is expected with the report on compliance. It is hoped that the Town can rely upon DPW to bring an environment friendly crack sealing contractor to the lot when contracted in the vicinity.
4. **Current Grant Projects:** a. Dias Landing marina: ConCom approved with an order of conditions. A filing of the ConCom order is required within a deadline. Mr. Melo stated that anyone from the Town can make that filing, but he is waiting for a directive from the TA. At today's meeting, Mr. MacInnes asked that Mr. Melo draft an email to Town Counsel on that registry of deeds filing. Mr. Melo did that. He also wrote an email to Foth seeking a cost for preparing the bidding documents needed to put the marina project out for bids. Construction documents and bid documents are the first steps of the construction part of the SEC grant project. TA MacInnes told HM Melo that the Parks/WWAYS MOU would be on the agenda of an upcoming Select Board meeting. Mr. Baker-Smith of CPC is also going to be at that meeting for other CPC business. Mr. Melo also asked Mr. MacInnes about the pending SEC Economic Valuation grant. The TA will work directly with Patty Sweriduk on that. Roger Race reported that the TA told them that a bidding process would be needed as this was not an engineering project.
5. **Harbor Management Plan Implementation:** Roger Race reported that he and Patty Sweriduk recently met in person with TA MacInnes. They gave him a spreadsheet of all open project with due dates and needs.

6. **Shrink-wrap recycling notice:** At the request of our regional recycling center, the annual announcement for boat cover wrap recycling is posted on our website.
7. **Annual registration renewals and mooring reassignment struggles:** HM Melo gave an update on the invoice reminder process, late registration process and the mooring reassignment process that is in full gear at this time of year. Kevin Murphy wants to look at the results of the Park online-only sticker purchase for this year.
8. **Town Overhead Charge for FY2024:** HM Melo received an email indicating that the amount to be taken out of WWAY Enterprise receipts will be \$54,291.
9. **Public Comment: None.**
10. **Next meeting** is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on 5/23/2023 via remote/zoom technology.
11. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote @ 5:32 p.m.