

MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 12, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2016 in Room 314. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gerald Hickey. Present were members: Joseph Hannon, Roger Race, and Geoffrey Marshall. Also present was Mr. Steven Melo, Harbormaster, and David Cressman.

Mr. Hickey reviewed the Agenda for the meeting. The minutes of the last meetings were postponed to a later meeting. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda.

A. Maritime Center:

Mr. Hannon sought a review and explanation of the recent (9/6/16) votes since that CPC meeting ended well-past 10 p.m. It was explained that CPC is seeking two separate Memorandum, one between WWAYS, DPW and the Select Board, and another that “fire-walls” and protects the recreational uses intended to be funded. Mr. Hannon wants to “firewall” or protect what waterway user fees are to be applied to the project. Ms. Wender thought Mr. Hannon was seeking user fees for use of the showers, he re-stated his desire to protect the mooring, boat and other user fees collected from boaters. Mr. Cressman replied that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on tonight’s agenda would be that protection.

Mr. Cressman said that he sees the project pier, gangway and floats as waterways responsibilities. He noted that Waterways funds are to contribute \$13,500 to the project. Mr. Melo asked if the construction of the dinghy rack, valued at \$6,000 in the project budget, could be contributed “in-kind” with Department staff construction, in a similar manner as the DPW contribution of “in-kind” paving would be considered?

Ms. Wender sought to remove any references to “educational uses” of the multi-purpose room in the facility. No explanation for that change was offered. It was asked if the bathroom opening should be 6 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. to coincide with the standard bridgetender work hours? That change was made in the MOU. Ms. Wender also suggested a removal of any reference in the MOU to “rental” of the facility. Ms. Wender will compile information to project the annual operating costs of the facility. Mr. Race motions to accept the MOU as modified. Mr. Hannon seconded that motion and the Commission voted unanimously to support that motion and the MOU as finalized.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting of the Commission was set for October 27, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was suspended by the Chair to join the posted joint meeting with the Select Board in Room 304 at 6:04 p.m. No further waterways actions taken after this point.

Submitted by,
Steve Melo, Harbormaster