

MINUTES OF WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday November 19, 2015

A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Dartmouth Town Hall Room 314. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gerald Hickey. Present were members Roger Race and Geoff Marshall. Also present was Mr. Steven Melo, Harbormaster. The meeting lacked a quorum of members for an official meeting, so it was decided that an informal discussion would occur. These notes of activity are reported in lieu of minutes for the scheduled agenda that lacked a quorum.

Mr. Hickey reviewed the agenda. Mr. Race moved to accept the agenda. Mr. Marshall seconded. So Moved.

The minutes of the prior meeting of October 27, 2015 were discussed, but without a quorum, no vote was taken. They will be posted as recorded for public information only.

New Business.

WMC Membership: Mr. Geoff Marshall was introduced and welcomed as the new appointee, recently sworn to serve on the Waterways Commission.

CLE Engineering Proposal: Mr. Melo will endorse and send approval of the CLE proposal for review toward optimizing, re-gridding or re-aligning the mooring field south of the Padanaram Bridge.

Removal of Dias Landing Floats: Mr. Melo noted that after the extreme weather of last winter, and in light of the mostly new launch floats, removal for the winter is advised. Work will be done on the decking of the last two floats to make all in new condition. He sought input on when the correct time would be to avoid being too soon for haul-outs and hunters, and too late for winter ice. The consensus was to announce removal beginning on Monday November 30th and completion sometime before Christmas. Removed floats will be stored in nearest parking spaces for the winter. Notice will be published to HM and town website, as well as any news coverage.

Deputy Assistant Harbormaster Process: Mr. Melo was asked if he had heard anything about Mr. Miller's starting date or any other obstacles to his starting with the Deputy position. Mr. Melo sent an email to, and spoken with Personnel, but has not had a response yet with any particulars. He intends to start Mr. Miller in early January.

Allen Street Storage Garage: Mr. Hickey has heard nothing more regarding costs for a smaller garage of fewer waterways stalls. Mr. Race feels that even if we had a favorable rate for construction, we would lack reliable assurances on access and exclusive use. Mr. Hickey will press for more details from Town Hall and review available budget funds before answering definitively.

Water Street House: A meeting with the architect hired by Mr. Cressman is scheduled for 9:00am on November 20th at town hall to determine status and grant progress. Mr. Melo and Mr. Hickey expect to attend.

Public Comment: None.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 14, 2016 at 4:00 pm in Town Hall.

The informal meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Melo, Harbormaster