

MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday May 24, 2022 - 4:00 p.m. Zoom Remote meeting

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A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2022. This meeting was held remotely under the Governor's COVID-19 allowances for public gatherings.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hickey at 4:00 p.m. Present and participating were Commission members: Gerald Hickey, Roger Race, Andy Herlihy, Kevin Murphy, Patricia Sweriduk, and T.J. Salvidio. Harbormaster Melo was also present.
2. The **minutes** of the last meeting, 4/26/22 were reviewed and discussed. It was moved by TJ Salvidio and seconded by Andy Herlihy to accept and post the minutes as presented. All voted unanimously to accept and post.
3. **Municipal Marina Project Design/Engineering Project:** Mr. Melo gave an update on the engineering process for the Dias Landing small boat marina. The May deadline for marina construction was met and our application is pending approval from the SEC. Mr. Melo relayed the news that engineers cannot make concrete floats work with wooden piles. The added weight as tides raise the heavier floats up the piles will snap those piles. Mr. Murphy suggested that late August/early September is the anticipated answer date from SEC. He believes it will be in time to get everything in line for the October Town Meeting. Mr. Salvidio asked if we have an action list yet. Mr. Murphy stated that he has requested a timeline from Mr. MacInnes and steps to get action on a possible CPC matching grant. Timing of actions between the June and October Town Meetings was discussed. Mr. Melo clarified that the pending CPC process is simply a determination of eligibility to apply for CPC funding in the future for this project. Merely the first step in a 2 part process. If deemed eligible, we still need to submit a funding application for the October Town Meeting. Mr. Salvidio asked if waterways had a liaison for all of Town Hall. Mr. Melo listed the groups which do have a named liaison, but CPC is not one of those groups with either a liaison or a waterways representative.
4. Mrs. Sweriduk gave a quick update on the progress of **the Harbor Management Plan Implementation Committee** to date. She described the MVP grant submitted for municipal vulnerability. She described the docks and pier permitting subgroup work. They are seeking to determine a vision for what the harbor should look like down the road. They are also looking into streamlining the permitting process for docks and piers. She noted that it is not a public meeting but a working subgroup. The NOAA presentation is set for their meeting in Boston in July. Patty Sweriduk met with Roger Race, Tim Lancaster and Cody Haddad regarding working together at Apponagansett Point. Roger Race repeated Cody's admonition that nothing further be done or discussed regarding the seawall or harborwalk until the results and report of the engineers working under the CZM grant for sustainable alternatives is published. Patty stated that the group also discussed the parking concerns. Andy Herlihy noted the good progress at cross-Department cooperation as desired by the Management Plan. Mr. Hickey agreed.
6. Mr. Melo gave an update on the work being done from the former police station lot. The EPA contractor doing soil remediation work in the Bliss Corner area is sharing the rear parking lot. Their activities are not going to interfere with boat and trailer storage.
7. **Rogers Street update** provided by Mr. Melo. The septic tank was pumped and recovered. The metal tank will be filled with something called quick fill to make the metal tank compliant with the Health Dept. requirements. The water service has been terminated with the meter removed. Mr. Hickey said that a connection was left available for future sewer connections.
8. **Public Comment:** No public comment offered.
9. The next meeting is set for 6/21/2022 at 4:00 p.m. by zoom/remote.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote at 4:31 p.m.