

**MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Tuesday June 21, 2022 - 4:00 p.m. Zoom Remote meeting**  
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A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 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, Kevin Murphy, Patricia Sweriduk, and T.J. Salvidio. Harbormaster Melo was also present.
  2. The discussion on the **minutes** of the last meeting was postponed by Chairman Hickey.
  3. **Municipal Marina Project:** Mr. Melo gave an update on the SEC grant submission for construction. The application was submitted by the deadline. Grant award announcements are expected by September from the SEC according to Kevin Murphy. Mr. Melo described the Environmental notice filed with the State (MEPA) by Foth. Mr. Melo announced that he had rewritten and re-formatted the Community Preservation grant application for matching construction funds. He proof-read the packet, enclosed the four letters of recommendation received so far, and emailed it all off to Cody an hour before this Waterways Meeting. The only missing piece is a letter from the Town Administrator authorizing this project on Town-owned property. Roger Race moved, and TJ Salvidio seconded, that the packet for the CPC grant be email delivered to Michelle Vieira tonight with a note that the Town letter will follow directly from the Town. All voted unanimously. The grant will go out following the meeting. Patty Sweriduk said that the Harbormaster did a great job getting a great application packet together on such short notice. Mr. Melo noted that he included excellent letters of support from the three historic, major waterfront businesses in Padanaram - Davis & Tripp, Concordia and Marshall Marine. Additional letters from the Harbor Management Planning Committee and the Waterways Commission were included. The Commission voted unanimously to endorse the Waterways Commission letter included in the grant packet.
  4. Mrs. Sweriduk gave a quick update on the progress of **the Harbor Management Plan Implementation Committee** to date. Susan Oaktay, Executive Director for Coastal Studies, and former Chair of the Nantucket Harbor Management Plan Implementation Committee, will be the guest speaker of tomorrow's HMPIC meeting.
  6. **Coalition for Buzzards Bay collaborative project on Apponagansett Bay water quality:** Mr. Melo reported that a \$17,000 monitoring unit went missing during the ongoing project, but apparently has been found and re-installed. During a rescue call yesterday, one of two young men who found themselves in distress after jumping off the Gulf Road Bridge was found clinging to the sonder buoy. Mr. Melo has directed that the equipment be removed from the Recreation area for safety concerns. He has been assured that it will be removed to a safer location under the bridge. Mr. Race has asked the CBB to write a short article explaining what the buoys are for to educate the populations.
  7. **Rogers Street:** Mr. Melo described how a heavy rain event created a gully that is undermining the Community Boating Pier. He asked to direct that rainwater toward the center of the ramp to use the rain runoff to help keep the ramp clear of sand. Conservation Agent Garrett was not receptive to the use of a Jersey barrier to divert water. Mr. Race has talked with Andy Herlihy about use of small speed bumps down there to the same effect. Mr. Melo suggests that anyone who wants to try any improvements should communicate directly with Environmental Affairs..
  8. **Public Comment:** No public comment offered.
  9. The next meeting is set for 9/6/2022 at 4:00 p.m. by zoom/remote, unless an audience before CPC is requested sooner. Mr. Murphy moved to make the next meeting in-person instead of remote.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote at 4:30 p.m.**