

MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday September 8, 2022 - 4:00 p.m. Zoom Remote meeting
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A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 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, Andy Herlihy, Patricia Sweriduk, and T.J. Salvidio. Harbormaster Melo was also present.
2. **MOU required for CPC matching grant funds:** Mr. Melo drafted a memorandum of understanding that outlines the current practices existing between the Harbormaster Department and the Park Department regarding shared use of the peninsula. There was much discussion over when a finalized agreement will be needed to satisfy the CPC. Mr. Melo described the course to be taken with the agreement. A copy of the draft will be sent to Tim Lancaster, to the Chair of Parks/Recreation, to the Town Administrator and to the Chair of CPC. Any final agreement will need to be endorsed by the Select Board, as they are the owners of the Landing property, by the Parks/Recreation Board since they are the owners of the west half of the peninsula and accepted by CPC as satisfying their needs to provide funding. No date was provided for the next Park Board meeting. Mr. Hickey announced that he will reach out to the Chair of the Parks Board to get a sense of their timing. Patty Sweridum moves, and Kevin Murphy seconds, to send the draft MOU, as written, over to the Park/Recreation Board and Department for their review. All voted unanimously in favor.
3. **New SEC Dredging Feasibility and Scope Grant Application:** Mr. Race stated that we have received a scope of work proposal from FOTH. The areas to be studied for possible dredging are being negotiated. Mr. Melo reports that the three known areas of concern appear to be the channel heading north from about nun 12 where sand is being deposited with the ebbing tides; the area surrounding the launch ramps at Dias Landing which is limiting the launching of deeper keel boats; and the area around the new Maritime Center dock. The proposed project cost for all three possible areas appears to be about \$60,000 for FOTH to study and report. Mr. Melo reports that there is sufficient money in the Waterways Retained Earnings account for the 20% match required by SEC. This project will just be step one in the processes required to get dredging done. This allows the expert engineers to find the root of the problems, the feasibility of doing dredging, and to what extent. Roger Race reports that this report is needed to calculate the depths, dimensions and quantity of materials to be removed and to where. Roger Race moves to approve up to \$12,000 in Waterways Retained earnings in matching funds to move forward with this grant as the first step in dredging. Mr. Herlihy seconds. All voted in favor unanimously. The SEC grant application deadline for this would be October 1st. Patty Sweriduk wants to bring Cody Haddad onboard as soon as possible with this project. Mr. Melo is working on an email to the Town Administrator and Assistant Administrator as this meeting is ongoing. Mr. Melo will not be going to the Select Board meeting on Monday, so he will be on the remote Planning Board meeting for the Marina project that night. Roger Race will also be at that Planning Board meeting.
4. **Public Comment:** No public comment offered.

The next meeting is set for 10/4/2022 at 4:00 p.m. by zoom/remote.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote at 4:40 p.m.