

Meeting Minutes

Waterways Management Commission

Date: March 13, 2024

Time: 12:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Roger Race, Chairman

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In Attendance

Roger Race, Andy Herlihy, Dana Dornbusch, TJ Salvidio, Steve Melo, Chris Vitale

Absent: Patty Sweriduk, Kevin Murphy and Eli Powell

Approval of minutes

Minutes from the January 4, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved

Open Projects

Chris Vitale provided an update of the open projects presented at the March 12 Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting.

- 1) Dias Landing Marina: Expansion and raising of town pier, addition of dinghy and small boat berthing.
 - a. Design/Permitting phase with Foth Engineering is 99% complete. Funded through multiple sources. Seaport Economic Council (SEC) and CPC funds have been expended. Small overage (\$2,500) to be covered by enterprise account. Signed agreement with Foth for final design and to coordinate bidding this spring with construction in the fall, extending into spring 2025.
- 2) Dredge feasibility and scope study (Stage 1) w/ Foth Engineering
 - a. Project 90% complete.
 - b. CPC will recommend the application for matching funding at Town meeting for consideration.
 - c. NBYC is also interested in dredging. If possible, we will combine the projects to increase impact and make the project more competitive for SEC funding
- 3) Economic Valuation study: FXM Associates, contractor.
 - a. Project began last fall and is 80% complete. Tech memorandum due next week. Should be fully complete by the end of the fiscal year.
 - b. CPC did not approve the application to recommend matching funds.
- 4) Apponagansett Peninsula Feasibility Study.

- a. CPC recommended the application move forward. Town will ensure scope of work is comprehensive and seek a consultant.
- 5) Rogers Street Area feasibility Study.
 - a. Local match of \$50K requested. When the timeline is final, TA will ask the Select Board for ARPA funds.
 - b. MVP Project with CEI has done some preliminary work. May be able to leverage that as an extension of existing work. Community Boating also has a contractor for their project that we will coordinate with.

Near-Term Future Projects

- a) Dinghy/Kayak Replacement.
 - i) CPC will recommend our application for \$9K grant match move forward.
 - ii) Action: SEC application for 80% of funding due May 1. (total project = \$50K)
 - iii) Action: Update website to reflect project progress
 - iv) Action: Working with Pioneer to repair storm damage to existing racks to make them functional until their replacement
- b) Dredging Stage 2.
 - i) Move forward once the feasibility stage is complete. Chris recommends seeking CPC grant match funds at 6/2024 Town Meeting

Financial update

Waterways Management Enterprise Fund (WMEF) financial update, including FY2024 and FY2025 budget summaries, expenses details, etc.

- a) Negative balance in 12/31/23 town financial report due to timing. The bulk of waterways income comes in the spring. Increases have been modest: Boats up \$.50/foot (residents) - \$1/foot (non-residents). Costs are average compared to other harbors. Goal is for reasonable growth.

Other Business

Recognition of Steve Melo

- a) Motion: WMC to send a letter of support for Steve Melo to the Select Board/Town Administrator. Unanimously approved.
- b) Action: Roger Race to draft letter.

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held at noon on April 23, 2024. Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM