

# Meeting Minutes

## Waterways Management Commission

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Date: May 2, 2024

Time: 12:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Roger Race

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DCTV Recording of Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15erI3Jh05o>

### In Attendance

Present: Roger Race, Kevin Murphy, Andrea Langhauser, Dana Dornbusch, TJ Salvidio, Patricia Sweriduk, Andy Herlihy, Steve Melo. Also attending: Robert Almy, Department of Public Works. Absent: Eli Powell

### Approval of minutes

Minutes from the April 23, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

### Open Projects

#### 1) 604B Grant Application

The town had decided not to apply for the grant at this time. Instead they have decided to focus resources on developing an integrated water resource management plan looking at the capacity of waste water collection and treatment facilities, drinking water quality, and storm water management. Members of WMC are disappointed that the grant isn't being pursued, but glad to see the town working to improve water quality.

#### 2) Recent discussions between Waterways and DPW Board

Robert Almy shared information on DPW's recent activities. DPW has capacity limitations with wastewater collection and treatment facilities and needs to develop recommendations to address near term issues and longer-term demands. Initially, they are working on an interim upgrade to wastewater treatment and a storm water management plan. DPW is identify grant sources to look comprehensively at waste water management, integrated water resources, and water shed planning. They recognize that this planning includes stakeholders such as Waterways, Public Works, Health, Planning, and ConCom.

WMC reiterates that we want to collaborate and cooperate however possible. WMC members expressed a desire to pursue smaller grants for shorter term projects such as increasing public awareness of the issues, collecting/organizing/updating available data (e.g. Slocum River TMDL study), and taking a broad look at water quality.

- 3) Update/Report on Results of Waterways letters to Town Hall.  
Roger reached out on the town website but has not heard back. Roger will continue to explore to determine who is the best POC, possibly Shannon Lyonnais
- 4) Update on bidding process for Dias Landing Marina project.  
Eight Bids received and evaluated. WMC initially set aside \$1.2M for the project. Three bids were under \$1M. AGM's bid was the lowest.

## Other Topics

- 1) Foth Engineering will advise town to accept bid from AGM.
- 2) NBYC has filed notice of intent with ConCom with respect to dredging and dock expansion.
- 3) SEC Grant for dingy rack replacement is ready and Roger will submit when the new form is available.
- 4) The Lloyd Center will be using the Maritime Center in May for community outreach related to their Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant.
- 5) Town has also submitted an MVP grant application for north of route 6 to plan for climate change resiliency.

## Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held at noon on June 13, 2024.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:48 PM