

Meeting Minutes

Waterways Management Commission

Date: June 13, 2024

Time: 12:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Roger Race

DCTV Recording of Meeting:

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In Attendance

Present: Roger Race, Kevin Murphy, Dana Dornbusch, TJ Salvidio, Eli Powell, Steve Melo.

Absent: Andrea Langhauser, Patricia Sweriduk, Andy Herlihy

Approval of minutes

Minutes from the May 2, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Open Projects

1. Town Meeting results pertinent to Waterways:
 - a. CPC funds for \$9K for dinghy racks were approved. These are matching funds for an SEC grant.
 - b. Annual operating (FY25) budget approved as requested. The total budget is for \$355,534, which is roughly \$10K less than FY24. Overall, increasing costs were offset by the elimination of an open admin/clerical position that the HM has not been allowed to post per the TA.
2. Waterways Discussion: The SEC grant application for dinghy rack replacement is ready for submission. The grant request is for \$50K, to be matched with the \$9K from CPC and \$1K from Waterways.
 - a. Motion: For approval to apply for an SEC grant of \$50K in funding to replace the existing dinghy racks at Dias Landing. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote..
3. Update/status on current ongoing grant projects:
 - a. Landing Marina Improvements. Select Board met and approved the award of the contract to AGM and a vote of 4-1, Chris O'Neil opposed. Work will start in the Fall.
 - b. Dredge feasibility and scope report. Awaiting final report from Foth. Matching funds have been approved by the town.

- c. Financial valuation project. Updated summary received.
 - d. Rogers Street Feasibility/Engineering. SOW complete. Project will go out to bid before the end of June. The bid will cover engineering, the feasibility of changing the ramp, and sediment impacts.
 - e. Apponagansett Point Planning project. Should go out for bid soon.
3. Department staffing and equipment status. The department is understaffed and a req is open. The deputy harbormaster is on extended leave. Winter whaler is at Bay line for repairs. Pump out boat and rescue boat are in the water. Suggestion to include a note on the website to set expectations that there may be delays due to understaffing. In addition, boat excise tax bills sent by the Town Collector's Office have been delayed. Bill payers impacted by delays in the Collector's Office will be given an extension.

Other Topics

We are exploring a software product for a waterfront management system used by several local communities. More research is needed.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM .