

Meeting Minutes

Waterways Management Commission

Date: March 11, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Kevin Murphy

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- 1) **Attendance.** Members present: Kevin Murphy, Roger Race, Andy Herlihy, TJ Salvidio, Dana Dornbusch, Eli Powell. Harbormaster Steve Melo. Andrea Langhauser joined at ~12:10.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes.** Motion to accept meeting minutes from February 11, 2025, with amendments, was unanimously approved.
- 3) **Warren G. Hathaway Marina Project Update.**
 - a) Name approved at February Select Board meeting.
 - b) Calendar Update: Project to be complete at the end of March, which is especially impressive given the recent weather conditions.
 - c) Accounting: Project is currently under budget. The select board approved shifting \$50K of ARPA funds from Roger Street to Dias Landing. Roger Street grant time limit is up in June and could possibly be extended. There is the possibility of amending and reassigning the funds. Need to keep matching fund requirements in mind. Kevin to discuss further with Town Administrator.
 - d) Punchlist: hoping to replace old floats
 - e) Dedication Ceremony. To be held June 6, from 4-6. Kevin talked to Steve, Marcia Hathaway, and DCTV. Dana, Kevin and Andrea will form a planning team.
- 4) **2023 Season/FY24 Boat Excise Tax.** A number of bills were sent in error. The list used was based on active titles v. active registration. Working with the town to delete bills in error.
- 5) **Waterways Use Billing.** Database conversion update and delayed 2025 season waterways billing. Contracted with Town Moorings to generate bills but there have been numerous delays. Steve is working to resolve.
- 6) **Town Clean Water Group.** Andrea will be the Waterways Commission delegate/representative to Town Clean Water Group with Roger as an advisor.
- 7) **Admin Assistant Req.** Request for an additional personnel to handle administrative tasks in the Harbormaster office has been submitted to the select board. Kevin to check if we can put a notice in Dartmouth Weekly. Req was included in FY26 budget proposal.
- 8) **UMASS Sailing Team Request.** Team reps have requested the usage of a floating dock for their sailing program. The team is currently a club sport (v. varsity team). WMC has concerns about sailing in the upper harbor, including liability concerns. WMC needs more info from UMASS before a decision can be made, including liability responsibilities, where/how the dock would be secured, storm safety, parking, bathroom access, etc. We may be able to loan them an existing floating dock. WMC would like to see a more complete proposal that addresses these issues and concerns. Andy will contact them to get more details.
- 9) **Public Comment.** None
- 10) **Next meeting/Adjournment.** State Zoom meeting protocol ends March 31. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 8 at noon. Meeting adjourned at 12:51.