

Meeting Minutes

Waterways Management Commission

Date: July 8, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Kevin Murphy

DCTV Recording of Meeting: Waterways Management Commission Meeting July 8, 2025

1. **Attendance:** Members present: Kevin Murphy, Andrea Langhauser. TJ Salvidio, Andy Herlihy, Roger Race, Dana Dornbusch, Eli Powell; Harbormaster Steve Melo
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The motion to accept meeting minutes from April 8, 2025, was unanimously approved via rollcall vote.
3. Grant Information.

A rollcall vote is needed to transfer matching grant funds from the Rogers Street Project to Hathaway Marina.

Motion to transfer matching grant funds from Roger Street planning/engineering project to Hathaway Marina. Motion by Andy. Second by Dana. Unanimously approved.

4. Hathaway Marina.
 - a. Dedication ceremony received positive reviews, including a letter of thanks from Marcia Hathaway. Looking to add additional floats in the fall/winter. Two in-water spaces are still available: 13-foot and 17-foot spaces. Looking for ways to add additional dingy space. Primary demand is for dingy spaces. Yacht club donated rack and it's full. Previously there were concerns that there would not be adequate parking, but the lot was not full during holiday weekend.
 - b. Andrea expressed concerns about procedures for the dedication ceremony. The commission previously voted for no food at the event. Those plans changed based on feedback from the town, but we did not hold an additional vote. We need to be more diligent about procedure going forward.
5. Repairs needed at the Dias Landing. Cofferdam near the ramps is beginning to fail. Need to contact the Public Access Board (State board) to request repairs. Need to research whether this will require new Concom approval or is covered under maintenance. Mass

Office of Fishing and Boating Access is the agency responsible. Terrance Smith acting director. George Smalanskas, maintenance coordinator.

Discussed the need to inform the board that maintenance is required, make state aware of planned project for the sea wall, and email town to keep them up to date. Kevin will send notice. Andrea to draft letter. Steve to find file numbers from original project. We will also notify the town administrator to ensure coordinator with town committee on Master Plan for Harbor.

6. Additional Dingy Racks at Dias Landing. We previously applied for \$45K from the SEC and \$9K matching grant from CPC to fund for added dingy racks. The CPC request was approved, but the SEC grant was not. Discussed the desire to replace requested \$45K in SEC funding with Waterways warrant article funds that have been previously approved for dingy storage-related projects. Those funds, along with the \$9K from CPC grant, would enable \$54K to be spent on additional dingy racks.

Motion: Use \$45K of existing dingy storage related warrant article funds for a project to add/replace dingy racks and continue to pursue the CPC funds. If CPC funds are withdrawn, we would scale the project accordingly. Motion by Andrea. Second from Roger. Unanimously approved.

7. Maritime Center was used for Lloyd Center public outreach education pop-up program. The events were held in May and June.
8. 2024 Season/FY25 Boat Excise Progress/Issues. Steve is continuing to field calls on issues with 2024 billing and clean up data.
9. Database conversion update and 2025 season waterways billing. First-year issues continue to be resolved, for example, town moorings emails going into spam. Resolving individual issues as they are identified.
10. Town Clean Water Group update. Andrea reported on activities since April. Slocum River water sampling began in early July. A second event for eel grass replanting was completed in June. Activities were in coordination with Division of Marine Fisheries, UMass Dartmouth's School for Marine Science & Technology (SMAST), Mass Dept of Environmental Protection, and the Health dept.
11. Public Comment. None.
12. Next meeting/Adjournment. Next meeting scheduled for noon August 12. Meeting adjourned at 12:47.