

Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: July 21, 2020

Location: Remote via Zoom online meeting platform

Time: 7:00

Members Present

John Sylvester - Chairman (Natural Resources and Water Quality)

Mike DiMeo - Harbormaster

Dave Suffredini (Public Access and Recreational Boating)

Bill Kerrigan (Navigable Waterways and Working Waterfronts)

Greg DeCesare (Natural Resources and Water Quality)

Steve Carver (Navigable Waterways and Working Waterfronts)

Mike Walsh (Navigable Waterways and Working Waterfronts)

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 12th, 2020 meeting
 - John Sylvester – motion to accept the minutes
 - Mike Walsh –second the motion
 - Committee voted unanimously in favor of accepting the minutes as drafted
2. Green Harbor Marina Update
 - John Silvester moved to table Item for future discussion when more information is available.
 - Dave Suffredini seconded the motion.
3. North/Shore River Pump out Service
 - The Town, through a Clean Vessel Act grant, installed and operates a free boat waste pump out service at the Marshfield Town Pier.
 - Roht Marine has a pump out service at their facility on the North River.
 - An additional pump out service could be added but would likely have to be privately funded.
4. Harbormaster's Report
 1. Green Harbor Dredging 2022

- Currently working on permits
- The dredging time period aligns well with required periodic mooring inspections for full removal from the water
- Dredging could begin as early as spring of 2021 but logistics are unpredictable due to Covid-19 issues.

2. Jetty repair Update

- No new information

3. South River Shoaling

- Portions of the South River were dredged during July and August, 2019 but winter storms have redistributed materials and caused shoaling in some areas.
- Some buoys may have to be moved to appropriately mark deeper water navigation channels.
- Funding is secured to initiate a NOAA study to assess conditions within the river complex.

4. HarborWalkPhase2

- Project is 85% complete and should be done by mid-August.
- \$ 130,000 available for the improvement of Peter Igo Park and kayak docks

5. On-going Commercial Pier Study

- The 2018 feasibility study identified damaged and failing components of the Town Pier complex and included recommendations for some rehabilitation.
- Proposed changes to pier reconfiguration and operability offered by the commercial fisherman are being considered by the Harbormaster's office.
- Steve Carver suggested that higher pressure/volume freshwater hoses at the loading booms would make washdowns more efficient. He also suggested that freezeless hydrants should be considered for winter washdowns. Mike Dimeo agreed to look into these two pier improvements.

6. Ice Machine

- Seaport Bill grant funding is available for the installation of an ice machine within the Town Pier complex.

- A survey was circulated to fishermen and other user groups to help identify needs such as ice type (flaked/cubed/crushed), quantity needed and frequency of need.

7. Commercial Booms

- Marshfield Commercial Fishermen's Association remains in control for operation and maintenance of the boom at the South Pier.
- The larger boom at the North pier is under the control of the Harbormaster's office.

5. Harbor Plan Goals for the Coming Year

- Mostly covered during previous agenda discussions, dredging, pier rehabilitation, etc... Making public access more available should be a priority.

6. Schedule date for 2020 Waterways Public Comment Meeting.

- November or December would be preferable times for a public Waterways Meeting.
- The Committee is waiting on the Board of Selectmen to advise on indoor meetings.

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Business not anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

- none

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

- Motion by John Silvester
- seconded by Bill Kerrigan
- Passed unanimously.

Submitted
Greg DeCesare
Marshfield Waterways Committee