

Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 2021

Location: Remote via Zoom online meeting platform

Time: 7:00

Members Present

John Sylvester - Chairman
Mike DiMeo - Harbormaster
Roger Fosdick
Dave Suffredini
Bill Kerrigan
Mike Walsh
Steve Carver
Greg DeCesare

No non-member public participants attended.

Meeting called to order at 7:29 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to order (roll call vote)

- John Silvester- motion to open the meeting
- Bill Kerrigan- seconded the motion

2. Approval of the November 18, 2020 meeting minutes

- John Silvester- motion accept the minutes
- Bill Kerrigan- seconded the motion
- Committee voted unanimously in favor of accepting the minutes as drafted

3. Commercial Pier Project improvements to include relocating the boat ramp.

- Harbormaster Division working closely with Marshfield Commercial Fishermen's Association and engineering consultants during preliminary design and planning stages.
- When draft design is available, the Committee will seek public comments.
- Once draft design is finalized, proceed to local, State and Federal permitting

4. Dredging in Green Harbor 2022

- Harbormaster Division working with ACOE to align the annual Federal channel dredging with the harbor dredging project.
- Project goal is to dredge the harbor to - 8' MLW.
- Anticipated project commencement by October 2022

5. Green Harbor Boat Ramp fee increase

- Last fee increase was 2009
- Propose to raise daily fee by \$10

6. Commercial take-out booms

- Marshfield Commercial Fishermen's Association includes a committee committed to boom issues
- Pier reconfiguration planning includes increased number of take-out booms available to commercial fishermen
- Marshfield Commercial Fishermen's Association agrees to Harbormaster Division regulating and maintaining the single boom currently located at the South Pier
- The Town will likely implement a user Fee to fund an account dedicated to boom maintenance

7. Real time Shark Bouys

- Harbormaster proposes at lease three buoys potentially located off-shore at Fieldston, Rexhame and Green Harbor Beaches.
- Bouys cost approximately \$14,000 each
- Monitored by the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy

8. Closure of Lobster fishing grounds February to May

- Mass DMF proposes to expand the existing seasonal state waters commercial trap gear closure in both space and time. The existing closure occurs from February 1 – April 30 within Cape Cod Bay, Stellwagen Bank, and the Outer Cape Cod Lobster Management Area. The closure area will extend north in state waters from Scituate Harbor to the New Hampshire maritime border and the closure duration will extend through May 15. However, during the May 1 – May 15 period, the closure will occur on a dynamic basis allowing DMF to lift the closure (or parts thereof) if whales no longer remain in state waters.
- Mass DMF also proposes to Geographically expand the existing January 1 – May 15 gillnet closure in Cape Cod Bay to include a discrete area along the South Shore between Plymouth and Scituate.

9. Harbormaster's Report

- considering a reconfigured mooring plan with additional moorings made available to waiting list participants

- other issues as discussed above

10. Public Comment

- none

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

- none

12. Meeting Adjourned 7:55 p.m.

- John Silvester- motion to close the meeting
- Bill Kerrigan- seconded the motion.

Submitted
Greg DeCesare
Marshfield Waterways Committee