

Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018

Location: Marshfield Maritime Center, Town Pier

Time: 7:00

Members Present

Greg DeCesare (Natural Resources and Water Quality)
Steve Carver (Navigable Waterways and Working Waterfronts)
Mike Duane (Navigable Waterways and Working Waterfronts)
Roger Fosdick (Public Access and Recreational Boating)
Bill Kerrigan (Navigable Waterways and Working Waterfronts)
Rick Rodwell (Natural Resources and Water Quality)
Dave Suffredini (Public Access and Recreational Boating)
Mike DiMeo - Harbormaster

Member(s) Absent

John Sylvester (Natural Resources and Water Quality)

Non-member interested attendees present.

Steve Lynch - resident

Mike Walsh - resident

Meeting called to order at 7:04 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes of September 5, 2018 meeting.
Motion made by Dave Suffredini .Seconded by Mike Duane.
Passed Unanimously.

2. Selection/Election of a Chairman.

Rick Rodwell was voted on to fill the vacant Chairman position.
Motion made by Dave Suffredini. Seconded by Mike Duane.
Passed Unanimously.

3. Selection of a secretary.

No motion was made on this position.

4. Open position for alternates position.

Mike Walsh, long time Marshfield resident and commercial fisherman expressed interest in filling the vacant alternate (non-voting) position.

Dave Suffredini gave instructions to fill out an application for consideration at the Board of Selectmen's Office, Town Hall.

5. Discussion of a member attending a meeting with Scituate Waterways.

After discussion it was decided that Greg DeCesare will attend some of the Scituate Waterways Meetings during months that the Marshfield Waterways Committee is on winter break. Attendance will advance communication with Scituate on mutual permitting and management matters such as the ongoing South River Dredging project. Ultimately a Memorandum of Understanding would be anticipated where both Towns enter into an agreement on common interests.

Dave Suffredini will contact Scituate Waterways Committee to initiate Greg DeCesare's attendance.

6. Schedule date for 2018 Waterways Public Comment Meeting.

Tabled for a later meeting date discussion and scheduling.

7. Confirm all member Harbor Plan areas of responsibility.

All members present confirmed their commitment to respective Harbor Plan assignments.

8. Harbor Plan updates.

No updates were necessary.

9. Harbormaster Report by Mike Dimeo

Green Harbor east jetty repair is finished. Repair looks good, more robust, larger stones locked into place well.

October 13th, 2018 – Airport Safety Day scheduled for 10 – 1. Last year was well attended and successful.

Santa Claus visit to the Town Pier and Kids Christmas Party will be scheduled for some time during the first week of December.

The last comprehensive harbor dredging was done during 2009/2010. Harbormaster is working on getting this done again soon as the harbor sediments are accumulating rapidly.

The South River dredging project is fully permitted.

The CPC walkway project has been extended from the Town Pier to Peter Igo Park.

Harbormaster is working on various state and federal grants, securing matching Town funds and prioritizing project funding. The projects under consideration include dredging, docks/piers/floats and new marine patrol boat.

Harbormaster is working on a plan to better utilize Town dock and pier space. This may include cutting the skiff float size down and increasing recreational boater access to dock and pier space.

The bathrooms in the Maritime Center are open to the public during the hours when the building is open and staffed. One of the two existing porta-pottis by the North Pier will remain and one will be removed.

Marshfield Commercial Fishermen's Association discussion

- Requests adding safety railings to the North Pier – Harbormaster supports
- Requests installing an ice machine somewhere at the Town Pier complex – Harbormaster supports but there are issues to be resolved (cube or flake? Who will own/be responsible for it?)
- prioritize dredging around the North Pier – State permits are valid and current, need to file with Town Conservation Commission
- opposed to reducing handicap float size

Steve Carver suggests upgrading the beams on the back side of the North Pier and adding some sort of skids or rails on the bottom between the back of the North Pier, North side and the parking lot sea wall. This will give fishermen a longer window during the low tide cycle for sub-waterline maintenance and repair without hauling out.

Harbormaster acknowledges problems at Town Hall with the mooring renewal process and is looking into streamlining the process for next year, possibly renewing at the Maritime Center instead of Town Hall.

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

Steve Lynch, Central Street - suggests changing the mooring chain inspection intervals to consider rate of oxidation. Based on his experience inspecting chains in Green Harbor, the current three year interval is fine for new chains but they rapidly deteriorate after three years and are likely to fail by the end of the next three year cycle. Lynch suggests a two year inspection interval after the first three year period and then annually after that.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Motion by Dave Suffredini. Seconded by Mike Duane.
Passed unanimously.

Submitted
Greg DeCesare
Marshfield Waterways Committee