

Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2021

Location: Remote via Zoom online meeting platform

Time: 7:00

Members Present

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

non-member public participants

John Taylor
James Kilcoyne

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

AGENDA

1. Call to order (roll call vote)

- John Silvester- motion to open the meeting
- Bill Kerrigan- seconded the motion
 - Members Present
 - John Sylvester - Chairman
 - Mike DiMeo - Harbormaster
 - Rick Rodwell – Assistant Harbormaster
 - Roger Fosdick
 - Bill Kerrigan
 - Mike Walsh
 - Greg DeCesare

2. Approval of the January 11, 2021^{and} March 10, 2021 meetings minutes

- John Silvester- motion to accept the minutes
- Mike Walsh- seconded the motion
- Committee voted unanimously in favor of accepting the minutes as drafted

3. Green Harbor Pier Project update.

- Harbormaster is close to initiating a work order for final engineering and permitting - \$45,000 approved by Town
- Need to file Request for Determination of Applicability with Conservation to determine jurisdiction and permitting pathway for test borings
- Need to survey property lines
- Plan to file for all necessary construction permits together but the project will be completed in phases

4. Green Harbor dredging update

- Harbormaster Division working towards inner harbor dredging by October 2022.
- Harbormaster has been sending request letters to ACOE to dredge the “narrows” this spring.
- Harbormaster has been sending letters to State Reps requesting support for the dredging
- There are recent grounding reports by fishermen

5. South River dredging Update

- All necessary permits in place to continue the South River dredging project
- Dredging costs would be shared - 25% from Marshfield and 25% from Scituate, the State will match with the remaining 50%
 - Bill Kerrigan moved to support grant funding request for South River Dredging
 - Roger Fosdick seconded the motion
 - Committee voted unanimously in favor
 - Motion carries

6. Harbormaster Report

- Plans to file a Notice of intent with Conservation for truck and large boat trailer parking in existing dredge spoils disposal area across the Street from Harbor Park on Joseph Driebek Rd.
- Boater safety courses will be scheduled by Mass Environmental Police to be conducted at the Maritime Center.
- Working to re-open shellfishing beds in the South River
 - DMF is conducting weekly testing near the Scituate WWTP effluent
 - Dye study and dilution study needed

7. Other Business

- Mike Walsh reports that the Marshfield Commercial Fishermen's Association is also pleading with the ACOE for dredging o the narrows this spring.

8. Meeting Adjourned - 8:10 p.m.

- Bill Kerrigan- motion to adjourn
- Roger Fosdick- seconded the motion.

The next Waterways Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

Submitted
Greg DeCesare
Marshfield Waterways Committee