

Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 18, 2020

Location: Remote via Zoom online meeting platform

Time: 7:00

Members Present

John Sylvester - Chairman (Natural Resources and Water Quality)

Mike DiMeo - Harbormaster

Rick Rodwell – Assistant Harbormaster

Roger Fosdick - (Public Access and Recreational Boating)

Dave Suffredini (Public Access and Recreational Boating)

Bill Kerrigan (Navigable Waterways and Working Waterfronts)

Greg DeCesare (Natural Resources and Water Quality)

Non-member public participants

John Taylor – Taylor Marine

Jason Heywood – Green Harbor Marina

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

AGENDA

1. Call to order (roll call vote)

- John Silvester- motion to open the meeting
- Dave Suffredini- seconded the motion

2. Approval of the May 12, 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

Approval of the July 21, 2020 meeting minutes

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

3. Harbor Plan Goals for 2021

- Dredging (see below)
- Marshfield Commercial Fishermen's Association forming a boom committee to replace the existing take-out boom at the South Pier.
- Plans for ice machine being finalized

4. Green Harbor Marina Update

Jason Heywood

- Parking lot project and stormwater upgrades completed successfully
- A new boat waste pump-out facility installed at the fuel dock
- New buildings construction to start soon to replace older structures that will be removed spring, 2021

5. Green Harbor Pier Infrastructure Study

- Developing plans for redevelopment of the pier complex but slowed due to pandemic issues
- Grant funding anticipated
- Revisions being considered with input from Marshfield Commercial Fishermen's Association

6. Green Harbor Dredging Project

- Harbormaster office seeking Federal assistance to dredge the "narrows" for the spring of 2021 and the inner harbor during 2022
- Sediment and biology sampling prerequisite to dredging

7. Jetty Repair Updates

- No new information

8. Beach Replenishment Updates

- 8,000 cubic yards of dredge spoils from Marshfield Yacht Club anticipated for Rexhame Beach nourishment
- Woods Hole Group retained to study beach sand transport models and alternatives for beach and dune nourishment at several locations

9. Shellfish closure of the North & South Rivers on Nov 1, 2020 (Per DMF)

- Based on recommendations of the FDA, MassDMF closed several areas to shellfishing due to suspected, insufficient dilution of near-by wastewater treatment plant effluent.

10. North/South River Pump out Service (Updates?)

- Green Harbor Town Pier public pump-out service is free and currently operable
- New pump-out service established at Green Harbor Marina fuel dock
- Roht Marine has a pump out service at their facility on the North River
- Scituate has added a new pump-out boat to their harbormaster's fleet

11. Harbormaster's Report

- Covered under separate agenda items

12. Schedule Date for Waterways Public Comment Meeting

- Tabled until public meetings can recommence after pandemic concerns ease

13. Public Comment

- none

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

- none

15. Meeting Adjourned 7:32 p.m.

- John Silvester- motion to close the meeting
- Dave Suffredini- seconded the motion.

Submitted
Greg DeCesare
Marshfield Waterways Committee