

Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 4th, 2020

Location: Marshfield Maritime Center, Town Pier

Time: 7:00

Members Present

Rick Rodwell – Chairman (Natural Resources and Water Quality)

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)

John Sylvester (Natural Resources and Water Quality)

Mike Duane (Navigable Waterways and Working Waterfronts)

Mike Walsh (Navigable Waterways and Working Waterfronts)

Member(s) Absent

Mike DiMeo - Harbormaster

Roger Fosdick (Public Access and Recreational Boating)

Non-member interested attendees present.

Commercial Fishermen

Mike Pratt

Phil Brazo

Dave Cataldo Jr.

Pat Hurley

Jeff DePersia

Dana Blackman

Ken Roth

North and South Rivers Watershed Association

Samantha Woods

Peter manning

Peter Hainer

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Discussion, nomination and election of a Chairman

- Dave Suffredini moved to nominate John Sylvester for Chairman
- Bill Kerrigan seconded the nomination
- Committee voted unanimously in favor and elected John to serve as the Chairman.
- Chairman term will expire on July 1st, 2021

2. Discussion, nomination and election of a Vice Chairman

- John Sylvester moved to nominate Dave Suffredini for Chairman
- Bill Kerrigan seconded the nomination
- Committee voted unanimously in favor and elected Dave to serve as the Vice Chairman.
- Vice Chairman term will expire on July 1st, 2021

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting.

- Draft meeting minutes from October 23rd, 2019 were distributed to committee members for review.

- Dave Suffredini – motion to accept the minutes
- Mike Duane –second the motion
- Committee voted unanimously in favor of accepting the minutes as drafted

4. Green Harbor pier study/future pier modifications/improvements

- Rick Rodwell updated the committee
- The Green Harbor improvements will occur in phases, 1) dredging and 2) pier improvements
- Pier improvements will also be planned in two phases, 1) first improve/modify the South Pier, 2) improve/modify the North pier
- The wooden south pier and floats as well as the concrete seawall and stone revetment landward of the pier are nearing the end of their service life and will be prioritized for assessment and replacement.
- Harbormaster and Waterways committee are soliciting input from the commercial fishermen that use the facility- ideas to make the pier complex more user friendly and efficient
 - Dana Blackman, along with a group of fellow fishermen, has proposed a revised dock configuration to the Harbormaster and Waterways Committee for consideration.
 - Revisions include an increase in the number of take-out booms and drive-out truck pads on a reconfigured pier.

5. A date for a 2020 Waterways Public Comment Meeting has not yet been scheduled.

6. Harbormaster Report by Rick Rodwell

- Harbor walk phase 2 will start the week of March 16th. (Peter Igo Park to the Coffee shack/Coastal heritage bank).
- Lobster-Fest planning is ongoing for September 12th.
- Marshfield Regional Safety Day is June 6th. at the Airport (See Attachment).
- The Green Harbor infrastructure/inspection report is completed. We have been working with the fleet for potential future infrastructure repairs/dock layouts. This will be done thru many meetings w/ feedback from the fleet.
- We will continue to get fleet input on GH infrastructure/ new dock design and schedule the consultant to present the ideas/suggestions from the fleet & HM office.
- Green Harbor Jetty repairs. The Town & USACE are starting the talks for the USACE Section 107 study. This study would require a town cost match. We intend to have an article for Town meeting in April, for the Towns portion of matching funds.
- Green Harbor outer Harbor dredging, The USACE stated they are awaiting the FY2020 Congressional work plan, it's the same dance every year.
- Green Harbor "Inner" harbor dredging looks to be a reality for 2021/22. The USACE is working on the water testing. Green Harbor marina is likely to dredge as well. GH yacht club already has permits in hand.
- Capital plan: proposed new docks for South River boat ramp & Damon's point. Also requesting a new skiff to replace the 19 footer.
- Fishing partnership support services training will be in Green Harbor on March 19th & 20th. (Free Training).
- Harborpark now has a "Gift account" set up for park donations to offset maintenance costs.
- The Commercial Ice machine grant was awarded. We are working with the USDA on procurement of actual equipment. We have not specified what type of ice the machine would make.
- Mooring bills will be sent out in late March/early April.
- Working with Scituate HM to see if Scituate wants to pursue finishing the South River dredging project via grant funding.
- Scheduling some upcoming boater safety courses.
- Harbormaster submitted a CPC project for ADA compliant docks for Peter Igo Rowing & kayaks. (on track for April town meeting).
- Harbormaster approved a few GH mooring swaps and new vessel requests for a few fishermen.
- The mooring waitlist will be consolidated as one list, with two caveats i.e. Recreational & Commercial moorings.

7. Public comments.

- Samantha Woods on behalf of the North and South Rivers Watershed association came to the meeting to ask the committee to consider the benefits and logistics of providing a vessel septic pump out facility to the North and South Rivers complex.
 - a privately operated pump out boat used to be available to boaters in the rivers but he no longer operates.
 - The Federal Clean Vessel Act may have funding available for equipment and operation/maintenance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

- Motion by Dave Suffredini
- seconded by Bill Kerrigan
- Passed unanimously.

Submitted
Greg DeCesare
Marshfield Waterways Committee