

Waterways Commission Meeting
Wednesday April 3rd, 2013
Selectman's Hearing Room, Town Hall
7:15 pm

I.Meeting Called to Order by Chairperson Eckhouse at 7:15pm. In Attendance: Chairperson Dick Eckhouse, Don Hourihan, Brian Cronan, Larry Niland, Vin Lanooe, Scott Hamernick, Bob McHugh, John Murphy, Jamie Noonan, Fran McMillen, Selectman Rick Murray, Gwen Morgan, Tom Anderson, Kathy Cerruti, Jim D, Jeff Frank, Michael Gibbons, Peter Toppan, Harbormaster Mark Patterson

II.Acceptance of Agenda – The agenda was unanimously accepted by the WWC.

III.Acceptance of Past Minutes – Motion to accept the meeting minutes of February 6, 2013 made by Peter Toppan, 2nd by Larry Niland. The WWC voted unanimously in favor. Motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 6, 2013 made by Larry Niland, 2nd by Peter Toppan. The WWC voted unanimously in favor.

IV.Opening remarks – Eckhouse

A. Marshfield Safety Day – April 27th

VI. Old Business

A. Marinas – Patterson

1. **Cole Parkway** – The Harbormaster said the marina would be up and running soon.

2. **Scituate Marine Park** – The parking lot has been graded. John Murphy said that the bid opening for the renovations would be on 4/10. ServiceMaster will be doing most of the clean up work. The shower improvements are going to be done in coordination with the insurance repairs from the storm damage. They are looking for a new floor that will be durable, less slippery and more soundproof. Hopefully the renovation will be done by the end of April.

a) **Upland park project** – The Harbormaster is working to ensure that CPC funds from previous years projects remain available to complete said projects.

b) **Dumpster location and enclosure** – The current idea is to place the dumpsters at the top of the ramp to the docks. The enclosure could be chain link with plastic slats woven in as a screen and would be approximately 15 feet from the SMC building. Some considerations were: whether there would be an odor, how visible it would be to people on the deck of the SMC and how to ensure there wouldn't be any private dumping. The Harbormaster commented that perhaps large barrels would be a more aesthetically pleasing option? Also, it is in the rental agreement that parties/caterers carry out their trash.

c) **Parking** – This is an ongoing issue. Perhaps the spaces could be delineated with striping? Peter Toppan suggested using recycled mooring chain.

B. Update on Phase II of Harborwalk – John Murphy said that the project seems to be moving forward. A 5–6’ path would extend from the town pier to Museum Beach (near Foam Road) and then perhaps markings would be used from there to the lighthouse, considering how narrow this area is. The DPW is prepared to construct this project and could hopefully finish by October. The planning for Phase III will begin soon and the town will be looking for funding sources. Mike Bulman has donated renderings of the Harborwalk and this is much appreciated. The Harbormaster said that the sponsor-a-brick program would start up again if these projects were approved. Selectman Rick Murray encouraged everyone to go to the annual town meeting if they want to show their support for these projects.

C. Update on change to Mooring Regulations – These regulation changes were presented and will be voted on at the next meeting. Someone asked if the new season start/end dates would be used this year? Yes. Another question was whether all of the paperwork required by the Harbormaster needed to be repeated every year. The answer was that if the required information were not on file, it would need to be done.

D. Scituate Boat Show – The Harbormaster stated that the special permit was approved for July 6th from 10–3pm. The rain date will be July 13th. Wristbands will be sold to tour boats, visit the historical buildings and take narrated launch rides.

E. Dredging – Don Hourihan asked about dredging at the mouth of the South River. The Harbormaster said that dredging could possibly happen in November? The three areas in need are: under the Sea Street Bridge (mechanical dredging required), South of the Sea Street Bridge (which will be hydraulically pumped unto Rexhame Beach) and the mouth of the South River (mechanical dredging required here also). These projects need to be done in coordination with Marshfield. It was agreed that many boaters are noticing dramatic changes to the channels. John Murphy asked whether Scituate might piggyback a small area of Harbor dredging on these larger projects. Possibly. Chairperson Eckhouse has a copy of the dredging plan if anyone would like to review it.

VII. New Business

A. Location of dumpster & marina recycling – Kathleen Rose Cerruti presented information regarding a marina recycling initiative. She called Marshfield Harbormaster Mike DeMao, who referred her to Bob Coackley. He indicated that Marshfield has been very successful with their recycling program. They use “Waste Solutions” and keep their recycling directly adjacent to the trash.

EOMS quote (see handout). Location of bins must be consolidated. EOMS admits could possibly save \$\$ on trash once recycling gets going.

Waste Solutions is a comparable quote. Recycling bins may not need to be consolidated. They have a policy that if the recycling is more than 10% contaminated it must be disposed of as trash and there is a \$15 fee. Their totes can be sponsored. Selectman Rick Murray said he didn't think the idea of sponsorship should be pursued.

There was discussion on whether recycling will really be effective/efficient. The Harbormaster pointed out that starting a program like this would take time. There was a question whether the HS sailing team may want to take advantage of the returnables as a fundraiser. Peter Toppan discouraged the idea of making any group responsible for the recycling on a regular basis, as it takes away from their main mission.

Chairperson Eckhouse reminded the group that the role of the WWC was only to make a recommendation to the BOS. The bottom line is that it would cost approximately \$800 more per season to add recycling pickup to both marinas.

Larry Niland made a motion that the WWC write a letter to the BOS recommending a recycling program be initiated for boaters in the Harbor. Fran McMillen 2nd the motion, the WWC voted unanimously in favor. Larry Niland will email a draft letter of recommendation to Chairperson Eckhouse who will send it to the BOS and cc the Harbormaster and Town Administrator.

VIII. Discussion Items

- A. Continuing discussion on regriding the harbor** – Chairperson Eckhouse is working on this with the Harbormaster's office. John Murphy suggested doing the inner harbor first, as a test, and then if it works out well, extend the mapping to the outer harbor as well.
- B. Canoe and kayak storage at the SMC** – The Harbormaster indicated that the capacity would be 9 boats this year. Perhaps in the future, it will be expanded or a private vendor may take over this operation.
- C. Rinse off shower at the SMC** – The Harbormaster indicated that this would be done once the renovations are complete.
- D. Insurance considerations** – Vinnie Lanooe brought up the issue of insurance regulations in Scituate Harbor. Currently, no insurance is required for moorings. Mr. Lanooe proposes that it would be in everyone's best interest to put in the by-law that a boat must be minimally insured to be in the Harbor. The Harbormaster verified that the town marinas require insurance but not moorings. John Murphy said he agreed with Mr. Lanooe that it seemed fair and perhaps just a minimum of insurance in case of breaking loose, etc. was a good idea. Someone asked about homeowners insurance? This won't cover the other persons boat, like liability insurance would, in the event you hit someone else's boat. There was a question regarding whether the sailing program has insurance? They are covered under town insurance. Someone brought up the environmental concern as well, and the potential costs of cleaning up a sunken boat, fuel, etc. Selectman Rick Murray emphasized his concern over this as well. Chairperson Eckhouse asked Mr. Lanooe to research what other town's (from Plymouth to Hull), as well as club's, require. He agreed to do this on behalf of the WWC and come back to this forum with more information.
- E. Commission** – Chairperson Eckhouse asked Selectman Rick Murray when the new applicants would come in. He answered that Kim Donovan accepts applications on an ongoing basis. The selections are usually made in June for a July 1 start.

IX. Adjournment – Chairperson Eckhouse adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.