



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Waterways Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**

**REMOTE Meeting**

*Meeting conducted pursuant to the March 12, 2020 modifications to the Open Meeting Law made by Governor Baker pursuant to the state of emergency due to COVID-19. This meeting was live broadcast by SCTV.*

**Commission Members Participating Remotely:** Brian Kelly; Chair, Howie Kreutzberg, Richard Murray, David Sincoski, Michael Gibbons, Craig Rosenquist, Stephen Mone; Harbormaster, David Friedman, Alicia Anthony; Recording Secretary

**Commission Members not in Attendance:** Tucker Patterson

**Others in Attendance:** Maura Curran, Board of Selectmen

**Brian Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM**

**Brian Kelly asked for a motion to approve the September Meeting Agenda, a motion was made by Michael Gibbons and seconded by Rick Murray, Voted majority in favor (7-0) to accept the agenda as submitted by roll call vote; UNANIMOUS**

**Brian Kelly asked for a motion to accept the minutes with one change from the August Meeting, a motion was made by Rick Murray and seconded by Howie Kreutzberg, Voted majority in favor (7-0) to accept the minutes as submitted by roll call vote; UNANIMOUS**

**Harbormaster Report – Stephen Mone**

**A. Mooring database program H/M- 2 iPads delivered**

It was reported that the harbormaster now has two iPads that are being used to take pictures of boats in their assigned moorings. A flag system is in place for mooring balls that are not in compliance to go back to. Harbormaster Mone stated that the system is working out very well.

**B. H/M increased activity due to increase in recreational boating**

Mr. Mone reported that they're up to about 20 rescues due to the overall increase in boaters.

**C. Delayed school openings- Marina support**

It was expected to have a longer boating season due to the delay of school openings. Mr. Mone informed the committee that his staffing is the same throughout the year and a lot of his staff are attending classes virtually rather than leaving for college so he is able to keep them on as well. There are no staffing needs at this time.

**Old Business:**

**A. New HM Boat – Delivery Update**

Harbormaster Mone informed the committee that he had set up an account with a marine vendor in Maine so that it will be equipped and ready to go upon delivery. The 10/1 estimated date of pick up is looking to be on track.

**B. Activity on Spit and surrounding Rivers**

Mr. Mone reported that they have been keeping the speed down successfully and that new No Wake buoys were put in.

**C. Comprehensive Dredge Project Plan**

Kyle is going to give a summary at the October meeting.

**D. Town of Scituate Mooring use- suggested Mooring Rules and Regs language**

It was suggested to change language in Section G in to the rules and regulations to add the term “other than the harbormaster renting to transient boaters”.

Rick Murray brought up the thought that a transient mooring needs to be defined or possibly rephrased to avoid issues. It was decided that Mike Gibbons and Brian Kelly would visit other marinas regulations to come up proper verbiage. Will discuss at the October meeting.

**New Business:**

**A. Small vessel decals study- other Town Policies**

Mr. Kelly tried to find other towns that offer this and could not find any. It was mentioned that this is just something that would be very hard to police although it would be a great profit for the town as a sort of water usage fee. David brought up that he saw that Barnstable offers racks for a small cost and that also offers the kayakers some value and easier for the coastguard to keep better track of. Mr. Kelly will check in to cost of racks as well as insurance and liability needs.

Mike Gibbons said that this is great for safety purposes as well. Mr. Mone informed the board that the Coast guard provides stickers now for name and addresses to the town that many people come in for. If we could require them and not charge for them it would be most beneficial for all as well as save search costs for the town. It was agreed that this would be put out to the

residents as well as the other marinas and yacht club. Mr. Mone will also ask the coast guard to see if they already have some verbiage or advice on this subject.

**B. North River 10A floats/moorings**

Mr. Mone informed the board that there are thirteen 10A floats in the North River as well as fifteen moorings in between A-Z and Davis Point. There is a total of 80 moorings in the North and South Rivers. There are 486 moorings in Scituate harbor.

**C. Schedule future Financial Review (Oct/Nov) once Audited numbers released**

Mr. Kelly said that Nancy Holt will provide these numbers when available.

**D. WWC Vote for Chair/Vice-chair**

Mike Gibbons was nominated for the position of Chairman by Rick Murray and was seconded by Craig Rosenquist. Voted majority in favor (7-0 with two abstained) as submitted by roll call vote; UNANIMOUS

Rick Murray was nominated for the position of Vice Chairman by Mike Gibbons and was seconded by Brian Kelly. Voted majority in favor (7-0 with two abstained) as submitted by roll call vote; UNANIMOUS

**Participant Q&A:**

Brad White, Marshfield Hills, had two items to address –

1. He offered to look further in to the mooring stickers and prices.
2. He wanted to know if the port-o-potty was removed on Jericho Road. Steve Moan responded that this was not something that his office was responsible for.

**There being no more business to discuss Mr. Gibbons asked for a motion to be made to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m which was seconded by Brian Kelly. Voted majority in favor (9-0) as submitted by roll call vote; UNANIMOUS.**