

**TOWN OF SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS
WATERWAYS COMMISSION**



**MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission
Wednesday, November 3, 2021
7:00 pm
Scituate Senior Center
333 First Parish Road
Scituate, MA 02066**

Commission Members Present: Chairperson; Mike Gibbons, Scituate Harbormaster; Stephen Mone, Brian Cronin; Associate member, T.J. Malvesti; Associate member, Dave Haley, David Friedman, David Sincoski, Craig Rosenquist, Howie Kreutzberg (remote participation), Brian Kelly, Vice Chairperson; Rick Murray, Brian Cronin; Associate Member, Dave Dinneen; Associate Member

Also in Attendance: Recording Secretary; Alicia Anthony, IT Director Mike Minchello, Officer Brendan McAuley of Scituate Police Department,

Members Not in Attendance: Steve Guard; Associate Member

Chairperson Gibbons called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. which was seconded by Rick Murray voted unanimously in favor (8-0).

Roll Call Vote:

Rick Murray (yes)

Brian Kelly (yes)

David Friedman (yes)

David Sincoski (yes)

Craig Rosenquist (yes)

Howie Kreutzberg (yes)

Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)

Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)

Chairperson Gibbons asked for a motion to be made to approve the November 3, 2021 Meeting Agenda. Rick Murray made a motion which was seconded by Brian Kelly and voted unanimously in favor (8-0).

Roll Call Vote:

Rick Murray (yes)

Brian Kelly (yes)
David Friedman (yes)
David Sincoski (yes)
Craig Rosenquist (yes)
Howie Kreutzberg (yes)
Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)
Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)

Chairperson Gibbons made a motion for acceptance of moving Michael Minchello up on the agenda to accommodate his schedule, which was seconded by Rick Murray and voted unanimously in favor (8-0).

Roll Call Vote:

Rick Murray (yes)
Brian Kelly (yes)
David Friedman (yes)
David Sincoski (yes)
Craig Rosenquist (yes)
Howie Kreutzberg (yes)
Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)
Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)

It was then decided not to vote on the approval of the October 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes as there were still edits to be made. The board will vote on these at their December Meeting.

New Business

A. Scituate Harbor Wi-Fi Discussion with Michael Minchello -Town of Scituate IT Director

Scituate IT Director Michael Minchello spoke about the Scituate Harbor Wi-Fi's current limited capacity and stated that it needs to be replaced. The Town of Scituate no longer wants to maintain the system and replacing it would be tens of thousands of dollars. Mr. Minchello presented an image that displayed the current wireless access Points.

Mr. Minchello then introduced Ryan Howard and Edi Jow from Munchyn and informed the board that they are a local company that is offering free internet. They currently have an antenna on the roof of Maria's as well as on top of Scituate Boatworks, with interest in attaching one to the Harbormaster's Office. Their goal is to offer free internet services to anyone who would like for a few hours per day and subsequent time is rated at hourly, daily, monthly and even seasonal rates. They can do wireless antennas anywhere. The Wi-Fi coverage is 200 yards per antenna, point to point is equal to about 12 miles. This new type of coverage will be faster and be able to support the Harbor's high traffic, including the middle. Mr. Minchello stated that the Town would need an RFP for this and that this can be done by simply posting to the town website or sending the offer to a couple of companies of the town's choice. Mr. Minchello had to report back with what he will be presenting to the Selectboard at their upcoming meeting in a couple of weeks. He reminded the board that the town doesn't want to support the Harbor's Wi-Fi. Chairperson Gibbons

summarized what he believes the ask to the board – saying that they either tell the Selectboard that they want to build new Wi-Fi in the harbor or make a suggestion to the Selectboard that they'd like the town to send out an RFP for privately managed Wi-Fi service.

Vice Chairperson, Rick Murray identified a Sense of the Waterways Commission Board. He stated that we (the board) would like to understand and support the town no longer maintaining the current Wi-Fi system, and support the Selectboard's options by which Wi-Fi coverage can be supplied to the marinas and the moorings in Scituate Harbor. This was seconded by Mr. Brian Kelly and voted majority in favor (7-0-1) by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chairperson, Rick Murray (yes)

Brian Kelly (yes)

Dave Freidman (yes)

Dave Sincoski (abstained/had stepped out during this discussion)

Dave Haley (yes)

Craig Rosenquist (yes)

Howie Kreutzberg (yes)

Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)

Chairperson, Mike Gibbons (yes)

General Discussion

Harbormaster Report – Stephen Mone

A. CPM Marina Grant Request

Harbormaster Mone started off by saying that the Grant Request was submitted last Friday-he received confirmation that his request for one million dollars was acknowledged. Mr. Mone mentioned that he will not apply for any other grants from the Seaport until this big one goes through.

B. Marina Preparation

Harbormaster Mone stated that the Cole Parkway Fingers have been put in the coral area and they're ready to break down the maritime center for next winter. He also said that the de-icers appear to be working so those will be deployed next.

C. Storm Impacts

Harbormaster Mone reported that there were seven boats in the harbor; four sailboats and three powerboats, that either broke free of dragged their mooring during the recent storm. He mentioned several other incidents that had occurred and stated that everything has been handled at this point. Mr. Mone would like to remind boaters to have insurance policies up to date on boats that are in the water after peak season.

Chairperson Gibbons brought up that TPG, out of Cranston, RI bought Dobbers and Millwharf Marinas.

Chairperson Gibbons also mentioned to the board the idea of asking boat dock manufacturing companies to come attend a Waterways meeting to discuss options and get ideas of prices per square foot

Mr. Sincoski then asked if the pump out at Jericho Road funding was approved, to which Harbormaster Mone replied that he hasn't heard back. Harbormaster Mone plans to reach out to

a contact at the Clean Vessel Act and most likely wouldn't know on his part until July 1, 2022 as to whether or not the grant was approved or not.

Mr. Sincoski then brought up a past discussion where the board had discussed doing auditing on the moorings. Going on to say that people who have moorings without boats at them and sublet them out is essentially fraud. Mr. Sincoski stated that when this project was last discussed, Harbormaster Mone was in need of some equipment to take pictures and begin the audit. At that time, Harbormaster Mone mentioned getting to this in the springtime. Mr. Sincoski believes this matter should be something the board doesn't lose sight of as well as making sure Mr. Mone has what he needs to do this. Harbormaster Mone estimates the project happening in May or June of 2022.

Old Business

A. Small Vessel Management and Access

- **Racking for Paddle Craft- Meeting with TA Jim Boudreau and Selectperson Maura Curran**

Town Administrator, Jim Boudreau stated at this meeting that he felt this should be back in the Harbormaster's Department. He also informed the representatives that this should be a minimal amount for one rack and gave direction on how to go about it. The board spoke about the possibilities of the Voc Tech or Boy Scouts-Eagle Scouts working on this basic construction. It was said that the Waterways will own and manage the rack(s) and give back some of the profit to the Harbormaster's Department for their management in the increase of paddle craft on Scituate Waterways. The board briefly discussed the need for stickers as a point of contact again. Harbormaster Mone stated that he is on board with having these available at all waterways access points as well as the new rack.

- **Jericho Ramp Area Improvements**

Harbormaster Mone reported that he most likely won't hear back on the funding approval for a while.

B. Financial update – Brian Kelly

Mr. Kelly started off by passing out easier to read documents as a few board members requested at last month's meeting. He pointed out all capital projects current as of October 25, 2021, account descriptions, and what they'll be used for. Mr. Kelly stated that its important to note the \$54,000 and change and went on to say that \$30,000 is available for dredging in the South River. He went on to say that one is available to reallocate estimated at \$73-74,000, the Dredge Permit Area and Marina Piling as of right now at about \$83,000, and the Cole Parkway projects are marked for \$50,000 and \$250,000. Mr. Kelly brought up that 30,000 and 94,000 sitting that could potentially be used on the comprehensive dredge permit, the harbor dredge or reallocating. He went on to say that any money reallocated needs to be voted on at Town Meeting.

Mr. Kelly then shared a second page summary explaining short term requirements. He shared that FY23 Capital Plan had three items on it and two of them were recommended by Scituate's Town Administrator, Jim Boudreau. These two items are \$250,000 for the maintenance improvement dredging for the South River and \$72,000 for the pump out station at the Jericho Boat Ramp. Mr. Kelly went on to say that

theoretically the committee wouldn't be responsible for the entire \$72,000 as it was said to be an 80/20 match, which would have the Waterways Commission accountable for about \$14,000, but the entire amount has to be allocated for. He reminded the board that this all still needs to be brought to the Advisory Board and put on the agenda for the Town Meeting before it's authorized, but there is potential for it to work out. Mr. Kelly added as a side note that if the Cole Parkway project has to be funded totally by the Waterways Commission, it would hit the long-term debt.

C. Storage of Scituate Yacht Club docks for Winter

Chairperson Gibbons informed the board that after last month's discussion with the Scituate Yacht Club, their insurance company is has additional requirements they'd like met, such as a generator backup and deicers, so they will not be using Scituate Waterways for winter storage this year. They may come back earlier next year for future storage needs.

Participant Q&A

There were no participant questions.

Chairperson Gibbons asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. The motion was made by Harbormaster Stephen Mone and seconded by Rick Murray. The motion was voted unanimously in favor by roll call vote (8-0).

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chairperson, Rick Murray (yes)

Brian Kelly (yes)

Dave Freidman (yes)

Dave Sincoski

Dave Haley (yes)

Craig Rosenquist (yes)

Howie Kreutzberg (yes)

Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)

Chairperson, Mike Gibbons (yes)