

**TOWN OF SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS
WATERWAYS COMMISSION**



**MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission
Wednesday, January 4, 2022
7:00 pm**

REMOTE MEETING - *ZOOM Conference*

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

Also in Attendance: Recording Secretary; Alicia Anthony, Officer Brendan McAuley of Scituate Police Department, Scituate Community Television Director; Seth Pfeiffer, Matt Beechinar of Meeco Sullivan, Board of Selectpeople Liaison; Maura Curran, Scituate Resident Fran McMilen

Members Not in Attendance: Steve Guard; Associate Member

Chairperson Gibbons announced to the board that Vice Chairperson Murray would be leading tonight's meeting.

Vice Chairperson Murray asked for a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. which was made by Dave Friedman, seconded by Howie Kreutzberg, and voted unanimously in favor (9-0).

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chairperson Murray (yes)

Brian Kelly (yes)

Dave Friedman (yes)

Dave Sincoski (yes)

Dave Haley (yes)

Craig Rosenquist (yes)

Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)

Howie Kreutzberg (yes)

Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)

Vice Chairperson Murray asked for a motion to approve the January 5, 2022 Meeting Agenda which was made by Dave Friedman, seconded by Howie Kreutzberg, and voted unanimously in favor (9-0).

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chairperson Murray (yes)
Brian Kelly (yes)
Dave Friedman (yes)
Dave Sincoski (yes)
Dave Haley (yes)
Craig Rosenquist (yes)
Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)
Howie Kreutzberg (yes)
Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)

Vice Chairperson Murray asked for a motion to approve the December 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes which was made by Dave Friedman, seconded by Brian Kelly, and voted unanimously in favor (9-0).

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chairperson Murray (yes)
Brian Kelly (yes)
Dave Friedman (yes)
Dave Sincoski (yes)
Dave Haley (yes)
Craig Rosenquist (yes)
Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)
Howie Kreutzberg (yes)
Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)

General Discussion

Harbormaster Report – Stephen Mone

A. CPM Marina Grant Request

Harbormaster Mone reported that the grant request has been submitted and is in the process of review. He stated that he expects to hear back between February and April.

B. Dredging Projects

Harbormaster Mone reported that he has been working with Marshfield Harbormaster DiMeo on this and stated that an RFP that was previously put out to Foth is currently being reviewed by Paul Scott received from Foth/CLE. The Harbormasters are working to get part of the dredge permit in place so that in the event that the money and grant are received, they can get this out to bid and quickly put together.

Mr. Mone conveyed that they had decided to go to Foth/CLE Engineering as they did the last dredging project and are aware of the grain size and chemical analysis as well as have the necessary knowledge of the current project.

C. Harbor Wi-Fi RFP

The board recapped that there was a consensus of the board vote taken and then brought to a Selectboard Meeting. It was then discussed that Harbormaster Mone would continue to work with Scituate Director of IT, Michael Minchello on putting together an RFP. Selectboard Liaison, Maura Curran and Waterways Commission Member, Brian Kelly offered to be of support to Harbormaster Mone in the process.

D. River Navigational Aids Update

Harbormaster Mone informed the board that he had been working with the Coast Guard. He and his staff assisted the Coast Guard in to the River and they were able to retrieve and get back the navigational aids for both the #4 and the Fourth Cliff stations.

Harbormaster Mone said that he had mentioned while the Coast Guard was here that SA Buoy—light was fairly dim. He reported that they were able to replace the light as well as the equipment that operates it.

Mr. Kelly then asked about the flag donations. Harbormaster Mone responded to this saying that a Scituate Resident had reached out asking to make a donation to replace the picnic tables outside of the Harbormaster's Office. Mr. Mone informed her that those tables were recently redone as part of an Eagle Scout project. It was then mentioned to the resident that flags were tattered quickly and suggested that she consider this as a donation if she was willing. The Harbormaster's Office accepted the donation of 13 flags through the Town Hall and Selectboard.

New Business

A. Dock MFG. Meeco Sullivan Dock Options

Harbormaster Mone introduced Matt Beechinar of Meeco Sullivan. Mr. Mone informed the board that Mr. Beechinar had dropped off a section of dock down at the Harbormaster's office which he will leave for members to look at over the week.

Mr. Beechinar shared photos of the dock that is currently parked at the Harbormaster's and stated that Meeco builds many different types of docks such as timber, aluminum, and steel frame. He explained many of this model's features which include it being neat and thin, a track that can relocate cleats and pile guides, has adjustable fingers with rubber connections, offers flexibility in the dock, has many decking options, the height of the aluminum extrusion, and that it holds up in a marina environment. Mr. Beechinar also showed some pictures of other docks that Meeco has put up in other area marinas. He also mentioned that Meeco has built many docks within Scituate Harbor as well as along the coast between Boston and Cape Cod. Mr. Beechinar informed the board that at this time Timber Tech Systems are the most chosen as they are the least expensive and most robust. Mr. Beechinar shared that Meeco can accommodate any configuration while providing photos of some Extreme Dock System options, which is what Harbormaster Mone has expressed interest in for the Town of Scituate.

Mr. Kelly spoke up to say that he understands that this will be a costly project and with inflations and other challenges he would like to be able to have a financial range in mind for the grant process. Mr. Beechinar responded that he understands Mr. Kelly's thoughts but at this point he truly couldn't give a narrow window. Mr. Beechinar said that he will look in to the scope of the project further with

Harbormaster Mone to get a budget number. He will be able to bring in contractors which would likely bid on the job for their help with pricing as well.

Chairperson Gibbons asked Mr. Beechinar what the approximate price difference is between wood and aluminum. Mr. Beechinar said that aluminum is about a 30% increase. Chairperson Gibbons then asked what decking choices Meeco offered. Mr. Beechinar answered that the two most popular choices currently are ipe (Brazilian) and composite material. Going on to say that Meeco can do anything that the town wants. Mr. Beechinar responded to Chairperson Gibbons enquiry of his recommendation by saying that he would personally go with a five quarter by 6 ipe for a floating dock.

Marshfield Resident, Gill(??) (Last Name???) spoke up to mention that they used Sullivan Docks for the ipe decking with modular option at the Marshfield Yacht Club and have been pleased.

Vice Chairperson Murray asked Mr. Beechinar what the lifespan of aluminum versus timber is, to which he responded that there is not much of a difference. Mr. Beechinar went on to say that if the deck is well built and well designed as well as treated and sourced soundly, they will all end up the same sitting in a marine environment. He also mentioned that pulling the docks out every year is a bulky part of what kills the marina docks around here.

Old Business

A. Small Vessel Management and Access

- **Racking for Paddle Craft**

Mr. Sincoski informed the board that the small group is currently wrapping up the end of the design phase and that they currently at an open action item to schedule a meeting with the Conservation Committee.

B. Financial Update – Brian Kelly

Mr. Kelly brought up that he had sent out Harbormaster Mone's FY23 Budget to the board. The budget will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee on January 13th at their 7 p.m. meeting and then by the Selectboard at their 6:30 p.m. meeting on January 18th. Mr. Kelly stated the budget looks conservative on the revenue side and that the big increases on the insurance property counter balance in FY 24.

C. Shellfish Closure Update

Mr. Friedman reported there has not been a Shellfish Advisory Committee meeting since his last report

Participant Q&A

Paul ??? of 64 Mooreland Road mentioned that he is not seeing previously voted on meeting minutes posted on the town's website. Recording Secretary, Alicia Anthony voiced that she would make sure to get the Waterways Commission page up to date.

Vice Chairperson Murray asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. which was made by Dave Friedman, seconded by Brian Kelly, and voted unanimously in favor (9-0) by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chairperson Murray (yes)

Brian Kelly (yes)

Dave Friedman (yes)
Dave Sincoski (yes)
Dave Haley (yes)
Craig Rosenquist (yes)
Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)
Howie Kreutzberg (yes)
Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)