

**TOWN OF SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS  
WATERWAYS COMMISSION**



**MEETING MINUTES  
Waterways Commission  
Wednesday, March 2, 2022  
7:00 pm  
Scituate Senior Center  
333 First Parish Road**

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

**Also in Attendance:** Recording Secretary; Alicia Anthony, Officer Brendan McAuley of Scituate Police Department

**Members Not in Attendance:** Associate Member; Steve Guard, Howie Kreutzberg, Brian Kelly, Craig Rosenquist

**Chairperson Gibbons made a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. which was seconded by Dave Friedman, and voted unanimously in favor (6-0) by roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Vice Chairperson Murray (yes)**

**Dave Friedman (yes)**

**Dave Sincoski (yes)**

**Dave Haley (yes)**

**Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)**

**Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)**

**Chairperson Gibbons made a motion to accept the meeting agenda, which was Seconded by David Sincoski, and voted unanimously in favor (6-0) by roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Vice Chairperson Murray (yes)**

**Dave Friedman (yes)**

**Dave Sincoski (yes)**

**Dave Haley (yes)**

**Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)**

**Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)**

**Chairperson Gibbons made a motion to accept the January Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Harbormaster Mone, and voted unanimously in favor (6-0) by roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Vice Chairperson Murray (yes)**

**Dave Friedman (yes)**

**Dave Sincoski (yes)**

**Dave Haley (yes)**

**Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)**

**Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)**

## **General Discussion**

### **Harbormaster Report – Stephen Mone**

#### **A. CPM Marina Grant**

Harbormaster Mone reported on the Seaport Council \$1 Million grant to the Town of Scituate for new docks at Cole Parkway Marina. He went on to say that the dock replacement slated for 2023 completion and that the scope of work, dock material and design is to be determined. Dave Friedman asked what will happen if material costs bring the project above budget, and if the project will be scaled back.

Harbormaster Mone did not see an issue with the current scope or budget.

Scituate Resident, Ray Shanahan, of 40 Pyramid Lane, asked if the new docks would be in the water by May 15, 2023, to which Harbormaster Mone responded that they will indeed be ready for the 2023 season.

There was then a discussion about dock boxes and bow pulpit making it difficult for people to walk down the docks as these obstructions narrow the usable space.

#### **Dredging Projects**

Harbormaster Mone discussed the South River dredging and testing of dredge sediment. He then reported that he has been working with Marshfield Harbormaster Dimeo as well as the engineering firm and that many permits are still in place. He stated that they still have to do the pre-dredge survey chemical analysis that have expired and is shocked at how much they'll cost. Harbormaster Mone went on to say that he is wondering if it would be beneficial to go back out to bid. Chairperson Gibbons spoke up to say that he knew it would have to be re-done, yet didn't anticipate the cost, as this wouldn't include the actual project.

#### **B. Bing Bing Crew Rescue of Humarock Vessel Removal and Cleanup**

The board then spoke on the February 1<sup>st</sup> rescue off of

Humarock. Harbormaster Mone stated that it was extraordinary to have boats in the water available in February as Scituate didn't have Harbormaster or Police

Department vessels in year-round in years past. This rescue took an hours' time.

Officer Brendan McAuley of the Scituate Police Department provided an overview of the Fishing Vessel Bing Bing sinking off of Humarock, stating that there were three lives saved. He reported great coordination between Scituate Police Department, Scituate Fire Department, Scituate Harbormaster, and Marshfield Harbormaster. Chairperson Gibbons then read a letter of accommodation from Scituate Fire Chief, John Murphy and Marshfield Harbormaster, Mike Dimeo.

Chairperson Gibbons also read a what Harbormaster Dimeo had wrote in, which exclaimed what extremely challenging conditions they worked in, with rough seas, even with infrared technology, it was difficult to find people. He stated that all three teams were necessary to make the rescue and that ever boat played a role. Harbormaster Mone stated that he feels the new boat paid for itself in full this day.

## **New Business**

### **A. Scituate High School Sailing Program -Ed Dixon**

Scituate High School Sailing Team was at the meeting and presented an overview of their program. Coach Dixon explained that the sailing team needed the support of the town to use the docks at the Jericho Boat Ramp to store their sailboats in the spring while the sailing program is in session. There was discussion about enhancing the docks to make more space. It was said that the docks are state owned, so modifications and enhancements will have to run at state level. The pump-out station at the Jericho docks was also briefly discussed.

Recreation Director, Maura Glancy, mentioned that the town is currently looking for instructors for adult swim classes

### **B. Mooring Rules and Regulations Review**

Chairperson Gibbons stated that he would like a workgroup to be put together to re-write portions of the mooring regulations to deter unintended use of moorings. He suggested capping this at 60 feet and changing the verbiage in a couple of spots. It was discussed that there be no scows, barges, or extensive mooring stays by non-permit holders. 10A floats not having structure built to discourage houseboats being put in was another item discussed working in. Dave Sincoski, Dave Friedman, and Brian Cronin volunteered to complete the small workgroup for this project.

Scituate Resident, Ray Shanahan, of 40 Pyramid Lane, asked about the status of the CPM slip waiting list. Harbormaster Mone responded, stating that only **one** slip was available this year. Harbormaster Mone stated that there will be no more camping out at CPM for a spot on the waitlist, as online waiting list is being built by IT and will be ready for August 1, 2022.

## **Old Business**

### **A. Small Vessel Management and Access**

- **Racking for Paddle Craft**

This was said to still be on schedule and there were no financial updates.

### **C. Financial Update – Brian Kelly**

Brian Kelly was not present and no updates were given.

### **D. Shellfish Closure Update**

Dave Friedman gave a slight update on the pilot shellfishing program, stating that the committee is set to continue. He went on to say that the thought is to continue the pilot program in different areas and are currently waiting on some satellite pictures to be selected. Mr. Friedman informed the board that the Shellfish Commission is going to continue with the original applicants.

### **C. SHARC Update**

It was decided to wait to discuss this report at the next Waterways meeting.

### **D. Harbor Wi-Fi**

It was reported that an RP is scheduled to go out in the next few weeks.

**Chairperson Gibbons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., which was seconded by Harbormaster Mone, and voted unanimously in favor (6-0) by roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Vice Chairperson Murray (yes)**

**Dave Friedman (yes)**

**Dave Sincoski (yes)**

**Dave Haley (yes)**

**Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)**

**Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)**