

**TOWN OF SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS
WATERWAYS COMMISSION**



**MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission
Wednesday, April 6, 2022
7:00 pm
Scituate Senior Center
333 First Parish Road**

Commission Members Present: Scituate Harbormaster; Stephen Mone, Associate Member; T.J. Malvesti, Vice Chairperson; Rick Murray, Member; Dave Friedman, Associate Member; Brian Cronin, Member; Howie Kreutzberg (telephoned in), Member; Brian Kelly (telephoned in), Member; Dave Haley, Member; Craig Rosenquist

Also in Attendance: Recording Secretary; Alicia Anthony, Officer Brendan McAuley of Scituate Police Department, Marshfield Harbormaster; Mike Dimeo, Ed Dixon of Scituate High School Sailing Program,

Members Not in Attendance: Chairperson Mike Gibbons, Member; Dave Sincoski, Associate Member; Dave Dinneen

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

Vice Chairperson Murray asked for a motion to be made to accept the April 6, 2022 Meeting Agenda, which was made by Dave Friedman, seconded by Harbormaster Mone, and voted unanimously in favor (7-0).

Vice Chairperson Murray asked for a motion to be made to accept the March 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes with one edit, which was made by Dave Friedman, seconded by Harbormaster Mone, and voted unanimously in favor (7-0).

General Discussion

Harbormaster Report – Stephen Mone

A. CPM Marina Dock Replacement

Harbormaster Mone started by stating that this is a two-phase project, with phase one being completed last June. An RFP from the Engineer of record was received from GI Consultants, who attended last night's Selectboard meeting. GI Consultants is now scheduled to start the project with the final design estimated to happen by or before August 1, 2022. Mr. Mone reported that it will go out to bid on August 8th, awarded on September 1st, and a Notice to Proceed on October 1st. Harbormaster Mone relayed that the cototient date of the project is for May 1, 2023. Member, Dave Friedman, asked if it is anticipated to have the project come in under the million dollars being received from the state, to which Mr. Mone agreed that that is the hope. It was also said that it was voted last night to allocate \$163,500 of the \$1,000,000 to GI Consultants for the project's engineering design and construction management.

B. Dredging Projects

Harbormaster Mone reported that last week he and Sean McCarthy, Paul Scott, Marshfield Harbormaster; Mike Dimeo, and Christine Player from Foss Engineering and was able to get an engineering estimate for approximately \$175,000 to permit an engineer project. He reported that he was also made aware that going to Mass Bay could possibly add an additional \$80,000 due to an issue with a past project on the North Shore now requiring the Army Core to inspect these projects in further detail. Scituate's Army Core permits are currently expired but there is a possibility of going through Cape Cod Bay. Harbormaster Mone stated that he would still like to see this project get done as he is noticing that its filling in by the mouth of Harriot Bay.

Marshfield Harbormaster Dimeo then reported to say that the good news is that both towns could have funds up to 80%. It's approximately a two-year timeframe to wait on this process. The Seaport Grant is due May 1st and is an 80/20 split (80% from the state and 20% from the town). Scituate and Marshfield would split the town's costs. The board agreed that this was something that should definitely be applied for. Waterways Member, Howie Kreutzberg, asked where the Town of Scituate's portion would be coming from. Member, Brian Kelly, replied that the Waterway's earnings are already tight and fears that there isn't way to show that there is money to support these additional costs to the projects. He went on to say that these costs where a surprise to him and has concerns of how it will be paid for. It was agreed that combing the four spots would be most beneficial.

Vice Chairperson Murray made a motion that the Waterways Commission approve the Harbormaster seeking grant support from the Seaport Economic Advisory Council to support the permitting process for dredge projects in the South River and the Harbor with Marshfield's involvement and pending approval of Scituate's Town Accountant, Nancy holt, with attention paid to the Waterways retained earnings balances, which was seconded by Dave Friedman, and voted unanimously in favor (7-0).

C. Bing Bing Vessel Removal and Warning to Mariners

Harbormaster Mone spoke about the barge and crane in the harbor that are working with Safety Marine Consultants and Marine Environmental to raise the Bing Bing. He stated that the equipment was moved a few weeks ago and prepped to come out last week. The boat is sitting at an angle in the sand burying itself in the sand. Due to harsh weather they decided to work on getting it out at a later date and brought in to the harbor to then be towed to New Bedford.

D. SFD to Provide Paramedic Services to HM Office

Harbormaster Mone informed the board that Chief Murphy of Scituate Fire Department is asking of him that on occasion he be able to send out one of the department's EMTs on Harbormaster boats throughout the summer. This arrangement would fully come from the Fire Department's budget and will not be expected to come from the Waterway's. Both Harbormaster Mone and the Waterways Commission are on board with this prearrangement.

E. Preparation for Beginning of Season

Harbormaster Mone was pleased to report that preparations for the beginning of the season are going well. He stated that the de-icers are out of the water. Mr. Mone also stated that there wasn't any damage to any docks and they have all been "summer-ized". They will begin to get the finger floats back in to place.

Harbormaster Mone then informed the board that the electricity on the docks has been turned on and the plumber is scheduled to reconnect the plumbing and get the water turned on for the season. He also mentioned that the Jericho Boat Ramp dock was put back together.

New Business

A. Mooring Rules and Regulations Review

- **Workgroup - Brian Cronin, Dave Friedman, Dave Sincoski**

Associate Member; Brian Cronin, spoke on behalf of the Workgroup to provide an update on this review. He reminded the board that they were asked to looking at capping the max size of vessels in the Harbor, regulate commercial equipment in Scituate waters, and regulate house boats. Mr. Cronin stated that in the original write up of the maximum size of vessels it was written as an open-ended size, so the group added in 40 – 60 feet. He went on to say that they looked at neighboring towns' wording regarding regulating commercial equipment and have some proposed verbiage for the board; Commercial Marina Construction Equipment; a. Commercial Marina Construction Equipment, sections of barges and scows, dredges, crane barges, large tugs shall not be anchored in Scituate Waterways without prior approval of the Harbormaster. B. Residents and Contractors constructing private piers, docks, works, dredging or marine work shall notify the Harbormaster no later than two weeks prior to entering Scituate Waterways arrange for proper mooring dockets. All privately conducted work shall be accompanied by a work time, completion date, and safety and emergency plan for the duration that the marina equipment is in Scituate Waterways the company must have liability insurance, with the Town of Scituate listed additionally insured. The liability insurance can be found in the Scituate Waterways Enterprise Fund Instructions. Idle equipment shall not be moored in Scituate Waters and will be subject to removal at the owner's expense. Idle

equipment shall be assessed daily in the amount approved by the Selectboard and the Waterways Enterprise Fund. All fines collected shall be deposited into the Waterway's funds. C. (or D.) Proper lights per USCG regulations.

Vice Chairperson made a motion to accept the proposed as written as well as the approval of these modification to the mooring rules and regulations, which was seconded by Dave Haley, and voted unanimously in favor (7-0).

Old Business

A. Small Vessel Management and Access

- **Racking for Paddle Craft**

There was no update provided on Racking for Paddle Craft.

B. Financial Update – Brian Kelly

There was no Financial Update Provided.

C. Shellfish Closure Update – Dave Friedman

Marshfield Harbormaster, Mike Dimeo, informed the board that next fall is the goal to have the Rivers open again

D. SHARC Update – Craig Rosenquist

Member, Craig Rosenquist, updated the board that there is \$400,000 in the MBTA Committee and it was asked if this could be used for design, or just construction.

Mr. Rosenquist was informed that these funds can in fact be used for design purposes as well. It's going to bid for design and then will come back for the build. He also informed the board that the general goal of this building will be for a park. Vice Chairperson, Rick Murray, noted that he is a member of Friends of Scituate High School Sailing and is not participating in the discussion, only as leading the meeting.

E. Harbor Wi-Fi

Harbormaster Mone reported that he is working with Sean McCarthy and Scituate IT Direct, Mike Minchello, on an RFP for this project.

F. Friend of SHS Sailing

Ed Dixon, of Friends of Scituate High School Sailing stated that they are well secured for the season.

Participant Q&A

There were no participant questions.

Vice Chairperson Murray asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., which was made by Dave Friedman, seconded by Harbormaster Mone, and voted unanimously in favor (7-0).