

**TOWN OF SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS
WATERWAYS COMMISSION**



**MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
7:00 pm
Scituate Senior Center
333 First Parish Road
Scituate, MA 02066**

Commission Members Present: Chairperson; Rick Murray, Mike Gibbons, Scituate Harbormaster; Stephen Mone, Dave Sincoski, Howie Kreutzberg, Brian Kelly, Brian Cronin, Dave Haley, Associate Member; Kevin Norton

Also in Attendance: Scituate Police Officer; Brendan McAuley, Scituate Resident; Paul Manning

Members Not in Attendance: Vice Chairperson; Dave Dinneen, TJ Malvesti

Chairperson Murray made a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., which was seconded by Mike Gibbons, and voted unanimously in favor (8-0).

Chairperson Murray asked for a motion to be made to accept the meeting agenda, which was made by Howie Kreutzberg, seconded by Brian Kelly, and voted unanimously in favor (8-0).

It was understood that the October Meeting Minutes would be available and voted on at the December Waterways Commission Meeting.

Harbormaster report

A. Cole Parkway Dock Replacement Project Update

Harbormaster Mone relayed that the Cole Parkway Marina project was surveyed for exact pile locations. He stated that the electricians were checking existing conditions of pedestals and electric systems. Eaton warranty question was asked regarding the pedestals, to which Harbormaster Mone stated that they were out of warranty. Harbormaster Mone then discussed trying to get new pedestal components from Eaton (manufacturer of pedestals) with no responses. Member; Mike Gibbons is going to try to get a response from Eaton customer service to report on for the next meeting.

New Business

A motion was made by Chairperson; Rick Murray to change the order of the items in New Business and discuss the Town Pier first, which was seconded by Mike Gibbons, and voted unanimously in favor (8-0).

A. Town Fish Pier

There was discussion about rules and regulations for Town Pier as it relates to fishing boats having specific permits. Associate Member; Kevin Norton agreed to work with Frank Mirarchi from Town Pier on some new proposed language for Town Pier contract and bring back to the Commission.

B. Potential Hybrid Meetings (Zoom and In-Person)

There was discussion about having potential hybrid meetings during winter months as brought up by Howie Kruetzberg. Brian Kelly asked if we could do a zoom style meeting and still have other members live. It was stated by Mike Gibbons that with the size of the Waterways Commission it was not recommended by the town to have hybrid style meetings unless we did it a format that would meet Mass General Laws for Open Meetings. Mike Gibbons also stated the only 2 facilities that would be acceptable for hybrid style meetings were the Select Board Hearing Room and a room at the Library. Howie Kreutzberg and Chairperson Rick Murray were to look into availability of these rooms for some meetings.

Old Business

A. Maritime Center Parking Lot

It was said that there has been no progress with the Maritime Center Parking lot as of yet. Brian Kelly said money is available in the Maritime Center fund to help with the parking lot work to be done. Update was to be provided for next meeting by Howie Kruetzberg.

B. Pier 44 Update

Pier 44 SHARC update was provided by Howie Kreutzberg, where he stated a company was hired to do the design work for 3 proposed designs.

C. Floats for Jericho Ramp

Floats for Jericho boat ramp were inquired about and was stated those docks would be taken off for winter.

D. Harbor Wi-Fi

Harbor Wifi was on the agenda for this evening's meeting but there were no updates. It was agreed that Brian Kelly and Chairperson Rick Murray would discuss with the Town Administrator.

E. Maritime Center scheduling

Maritime Center Scheduling was on the agenda for this evening's meeting but there were no updates. It was agreed that Brian Kelly and Chairperson Rick Murray would discuss with the Town Administrator.

Financial Update

Brian Kelly stated that the FY 24 budget was approved by Capital Planning. He went on to say that during the Capital Planning meeting, rates were inquired about by Richard Burke (Capital Planning) with regards to other Towns municipal marina dock rates. Brian Kelly provided a

summary of other towns municipal dock rates by area to the Waterways Commission and also to the Capital Planning board per their request.

Participants Q&A

Scituate Resident, Paul Manning, of 64 Moorland Road, asked about how our Town Mooring rates compare to other towns. Mike Gibbons stated this was evaluated a few years ago when the Commission did their last rate review and the mooring rates were raised to be comparable to other towns with similar mooring fields. It was stated by Brian Kelly that Waterways expenses were increasing in FY 24 budget by approx. 8%.

Preliminary Discussion of Next Meeting's Agenda

Chairperson Rick Murray asked for input and nothing was brought forward for agenda items for next month's meeting.

Chairperson Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Brian Cronin, and voted unanimously in favor (8-0).