

**TOWN OF SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS
WATERWAYS COMMISSION**



**MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
6:00 pm**

**Scituate Town Hall - Select Board Hearing Room/Zoom/Hybrid
600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway
Scituate, MA 02066**

Commission Members Present: Vice Chair; Dave Dinneen, Scituate Harbormaster; Stephen Mone, Mike Gibbons, Brian Kelly, Howie Kreutzberg, Brian Cronin, Dave Haley, Associate Member; T.J. Malvesti,

Also in Attendance: Recording Secretary; Alicia Anthony, EDC Liaison; Fran McMillen, Eric Creuss, David Dauphnee, Scituate Police Officer; Brendan McAuley

Members Not in Attendance: Chair; Rick Murray, Dave Sincoski, Associate Member; Steve Guard, Associate Member; Kevin Norton

Vice Chair Dinneen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Vice Chair Dinneen read the Statement of commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Vice Chair Dinneen 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 (6-0) by roll call vote.

Vice Chair Dinneen asked for a motion to be made to accept the minutes with one edit from the February 1, 2023 meeting, which was made by Mike Gibbons, seconded by Brian Kelly, and voted unanimously in favor (6-0) by roll call vote.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

Harbormaster Report

A. Cole Parkway Dock Replacement Project

Harbormaster Mone reported that the dock replacement project is moving along

very well and down to just wiring and plumbing. The project is on schedule and on budget. He shared that the electricians are working and have the breakers up and in place and are now starting to wire pedestals. Harbormaster Mone said that he is expecting four truck-loads of finger floats, which will be the last of them and will complete this vendor's portion of the project.

Harbormaster Mone relayed that he is working with the manufacturer to get new firehouses in time and will work with the Fire Department for extinguished replacement until firehouse are made available. Mr. Gibbons also shared that he is working on getting a lead time with a contact he has.

B. Comprehensive Dredging Permit

Harbormaster Mone reported that the contractor was in to survey all three sides of the town pier as well as the backside of the floats. Harbormaster staff moved all of the fingers at the Maritime Center for a survey to be done there.

Old Business—Updates

A. Maritime Center Parking Lot

Brian Kelly shared that he spoke with Facilities Director, Kevin Kelly, regarding the large potholes and was informed that a temporary solution is to be expected soon. He also reported that Maura Curran is currently working with the Town Administrator on a more permanent fix.

Howie Kreutzberg reported that on December 6, 2022, him and a small team from the Waterways Commission met with the Town Administrator and were informed that he would reach out to engineers. Mr. Kreutzberg stated that he would like to know what can be done to expedite this. Vice Chair Dinneen said that it would be best to wait for Chair Murray to return to come up with a plan. It was also discussed that as this is land being spoken about, the Waterways should limit the time they put in to this project.

B. Scituate Harbor Park (Pier 44)

Howie Kreutzberg reported that there has been discussion on making some modifications on the plan that has been being discussed but nothing has been finalized. He shared that the issue of how to handle parking is still outstanding. The group is looking for funding to do additional engineering to see what the property can handle.

C. Harbor Wi-Fi - Need Update

Brian Kelly shared that this is in the IT Department's hands and that he has reached out to the Town Administrator to find out where the resolution stands. Mr. Kelly stated that he knows how helpful wi-fi would be to the commercial boaters as well as to recreational boaters to have the ability to connect as they do in so many other harbors.

A discussion was had on moving forward with another meeting with the Town Administrator to discuss the committee's recommendations for moving forward with both the harbor wi-fi project and the Maritime Center parking lot issues.

D. Maritime Center Scheduling - Need Update

Mike Gibbons shared that when Maura Curran met with the Town Administrator, he didn't have interest in changing the Maritime scheduling. Harbormaster Mone reported that his understanding that scheduling is not being done during business hours, and if it needs to be done the plan is to reach out to Boat Works to let them know. Boat Works is doing their part by having their cars parked elsewhere and shuttling their people over.

E. Kayak Rack Update

Harbormaster Mone reported that the kayak racks are due to be delivered this week. There is a box in the Harbormaster Office where residents have been able to come in and fill out a ticket with name and phone number and leave. Names will be drawn at the next Waterways meeting for who are the sixteen selected for a rack this season. It is planned for the racks to be set up above the golf course where cars have been parking.

Harbormaster Mone shared that he has been in contact with Fishing and Boating Access and is working to have the parking lot swept with a street sweeper before Fishing and Boating Access comes and restripes the parking lot at Jericho. New signs are also going to be put in place that will help enforce parking rules. Harbormaster Mone also relayed that he is working with Morse Engineering on permitting the additional float and the additional pile for the pump station. He also got approval to put an additional float in the station.

Mike Gibbons then shared, as a liaison, that the Cole Parkway project has bids out to engineering services to survey; preventing future flooding, deal with parking, and any beautification.

Financial Update

Brian Kelly reported that there is no financial update at this time as he is waiting on updates from Town Meeting, town warrants, which is upcoming April 10th.

Tentative Remaining Waterways Schedule for 2023

Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Town Library Community Room was changed to the Maritime Center

Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 6 p.m., Town Library Community Room

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Town Library Community Room

August .. no meeting (as of now)

Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Town Library Community Room

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Town Library Community Room

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Town Library Community Room

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Town Library Community Room

Participants Q&A

There were no participant questions.

Vice Chair Dinneen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, 7:04 p.m., which was made by Harbormaster Mone, seconded by Mike Gibbons, and voted unanimously in favor (6-0) by roll call vote.