



MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Maritime Center

Commission Members in Attendance: Brian Kelly, Chair; Howie Kreutzberg, Vice Chair; Michael Gibbons; David Friedman; Tucker (James) Patterson; Stephen Mone, Harbormaster; Craig Rosenquist, David Sincoski, Rick Murray

Commission Members not in Attendance: None

Also in Attendance: David Haley, Associate Member, Officer Brendan McAuley; Jamie Davenport, Shellfish Commission; Susan Harrison, Shellfish Commission

The meeting was called to order by Brian Kelly at 7:03 PM.

Brian Kelly made motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mike Gibbons; Unanimous Vote (9-0).

Brian Kelly asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2019 meeting, David Friedman made a motion, seconded by David Sincoski; Unanimous Vote (9-0).

Brian Kelly thanked all the public response teams who went above and beyond to help with the boat fire at Daubers Marina. Brian also talked about the family that was hurt in the accident and asked everyone to send good thoughts and prayers as they were still hospitalized.

Brian recommend that the Waterways Commission asks the Board of Selectmen to recognize the Harbormaster's staff, John Ward, Michael Ward and Andrew GeaGea who were first on the scene. They were able to minimize the damage by cutting the lines, securing the boat to a mooring and removing the source of the fire.

Brian Kelly asked for a motion to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking them to recognize the first responders from the Harbormaster's team, Howie Kreutzberg made a motion, seconded by David Friedman; Unanimous Vote (9-0).

Harbormaster Report – Stephen Mone

The Town ran an oil spill drill with the DEP and the Cohasset Harbor Master. Put flammable material in the water to see how it would act and the best way to remove it.

Stephen said they had to reposition the boom for maximum effect. Stephen added that we do these drills every couple of years in different parts of the Harbor.

Stephen said that at 4:00 he heard on the BHF that there was a boat fire at Daubers Gas Dock. Stephen said that due to this emergency, the procedures will be reviewed with Chief Murphy, specifically they will have to decide in the future if they are going to hold the boat for the fire department or cut the lines. Stephen was upset that people got hurt, but felt that it could have been a lot worse. The best outcome was achieved in the situation due to the first responders. The family was hospitalized and there was some damage to the fuel dock.

Brian Kelly introduced Rick Murray as the newest member to the Waterways Commission. Rick was formerly Chairman of the WWC and a Selectman. He has a PhD from UC Berkley; Boston University Professor since 1992; former director of the Division of Ocean Sciences at the National Science Foundation (NSF) from 2015-2018 and most recently has been appointed the Deputy Director & Vice President for Research of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). Rick is a geochemist whose research focuses on interpreting chemical records of climate change and volcanism in marine sediments. He will bring new insight to our Committee, and we welcome him.

Rick asked if there would be a report [on the boat fire] and if it would be a combined report from the Harbormaster and fire department or separate, Stephen said they will write individual reports and send them over to Chief Murphy.

Craig Rosenquist asked how the fire started, Stephen said it happened when the boat owner was fueling.

David Friedman added that everyone did a great job to get the fire under control.

Pedestal/Electrical Project:

- The project is wrapping up tomorrow or the next day in Maritime Center
- Cole Parkway is operational
- Some tenants are having issues with breakers tripping, 4 cases still not resolved Mike Gibbons and Stephen Mone explained that it is caused by GFI and the way some boats are wired and that a galvanic isolator can also cause the problem as well.
- Pedestals and lights are working, each pedestal has 2 water spigots, but only 1 will be operational for the summer and plan to upgrade to 2 in fall.

Howie acknowledged what a large undertaking this project was, new cabling, pedestals, lights and a better water supply was accomplished in a short time. He said it was a real positive for the Marina. Brian agreed that Stephen did a great job. Stephen wanted to thank the tenants that were affected while the project was in process.

River dredging Project:

- Pre-construction meeting on Friday.
- \$845,000 bid, with alternate
- Contractor: Burnham Associates, Salem MA

- Waiting for contractor to send back all the information
- Meeting in 2 weeks with Mike DiMeo, mooring holders and slip holders (interested parties) to discuss the closure of the river due to dredging, the project will start July 15th and will take place on weekdays, possible dredging hours are 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM . Will take about 6 – 8 weeks at the longest and they will conduct a survey when they are finished.

Brian Cronin, 5 Dartmouth Street, asked if they will send out an email to the mooring holders to invite them to the meeting, Stephen said he will use Constant Contact.

Mike Gibbons asked about the status of the pump out boat, Stephen said once he gets the new pump out boat, he will put the old one down the river on a mooring. Stephen is waiting for the Grant Award and has to wait until July. Craig asked if we were obligated to have one at the rivers, Stephen said we are not obligated, but we should have one. David Sincoski said we should work with Marshfield like we had talked about doing last year, it seems we have not moved forward on this plan. **Brian Kelly said he would reach out to the Marshfield WWC to invite the Chair to come to one of our meetings and/or we can attend one of theirs in July or August. He will also follow up with Jim Boudreau who was supposed to contact the Marshfield Town Administrator.**

David Friedman asked about the lawyer [Cole Parkway Marina Piling Project] Brian said it was with the Marina, Town and DEP and there is no update, but they are working on it.

Shellfish Committee Meeting Update - Craig Rosenquist

- Draft Rules and Regulations were emailed out for initial comments, took a tiered approach, now deciding if they should open up to all or start with pilot and limit the number of grants to 3 – 5. Would still have complete area plotted out either way.
- **Brian said the best step is to send all comments directly to Craig (cc: the Commission) so they can have a discussion at the July 10th meeting .**
- Draft Application complete
- Survey completed by drone company, went to the Economic Council and explained what they were looking to do and they were able to give the Shellfish Commission \$3,500 to complete the survey. They could not give them the \$5,000 they were originally looking for. Ann Burbine said that the CPC could fund future needs, but it is a long process and has to go in front of Town Meeting, but maybe they could borrow and pay back.
- Land and title search being handled by lawyer and Town Administrator. Jamie Davenport said he asked for an update by the next Shellfish Commission meeting.

David Sincoski asked who was paying for the lawyer, **Brian said the Town Administrator, but he would double check.**

David Friedman asked if they would keep some of the farming land for recreation/educational. Craig said yes.

Rick Murray said he liked both documents and made comments that he will give to Craig. The application may need to be aligned with regulations. He also asked if the 3 acre maximum was continuous and if not, he thought that specific verbiage should be added.

Dave Dauphnee, 356 Clapp Road, said that there is an on-going discussion about how many acres will be farmable and he felt that rotating the permits to different areas would be a good idea. Jamie said that Chris Schillaci, from the Mass Department of Marine Fisheries said we do not have the enforcement capability to have more than 5 farmers. Each individual will apply to the State once they are approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Howie thought that the Shellfish Commission should make a presentation at the August meeting and invite the public.

Stephen Mone asked how it will be announced to the public, he said maybe you could put a sign at the dump. Rick said he would contact the Scituate Mariner once he knows the date, which will be picked in the July 10th Meeting. **It was discussed that the August Meeting will have to be held in a bigger conference room.**

Rick Murray also asked if there were deadlines coming up, or if August was a good month to have a public meeting. He did not want to hold up the process. Susan Harrison said she did not think there were any deadlines, because there are no bylaws, Jamie said that in a perfect world the farmers would be ready to deploy in July or in one year and one month from now, July 2020.

Kathy Donahue, 4 Cushing Lane, asked if the permits were for the entire Town or just Briggs Harbor only, she thought that the Commission should get in touch with Sarah Grady (Water Shed)

David Friedman asked about Cohasset and if we confirmed that we can access the farming area. Craig said they are considering limiting it to a pilot program of 3 farmers. We should have access to the harbor, depending on if the dock is owned by the State or Town. David Dauphnee thinks it is Town owned with public access. Craig said that Mike DiMeo thinks that parking will be available for non-Cohasset residents, **Craig will double check.**

Jamie Davenport, Shellfish Commission, thinks we should not be prevented to enter those flats, but we need to find better access by talking to Cohasset and by looking at the moorings that were used by Scituate in the past. He also suggested including Cohasset by allowing them to apply for 1 or 2 of the parcels. A mooring or slip tied to each parcel would be ideal. Brian said he thought that someone was going to meet with Tim Davies, Jamie said he spoke with him and that now is not the time to bring them in, not until they have a finished product.

Craig would like some floating docks in the harbor to grow seed, but Stephen said it cannot happen in the harbor only municipalities can grow in that area.

*David Dauphnee said that seed can be grown by growers in prohibited areas up to one inch and then moved according to Chris Schillaci, from the Mass Department of Marine Fisheries. **Craig said he would look into it.***

Driftway Ramp Improvement, David Sincoski

- Frank Snow has been contacted. He invited David to come and look at the old plans at the Town Hall. David think they need to make a formal request. Howie said we should ask to be put on the Conservation Committee Agenda. **David Sincoski will make the request to get on the agenda with Frank Snow.** Brian said he would attend the meeting if he is not traveling.

Future Mooring/Slip fee discussion (July Meeting)

- Stephen said that all the budget numbers are in
- Waiting for Nancy's numbers
- **Brian will put a 2,5 and 10 year projection together for the July 10th Meeting.**

Add to Agenda Review budget for 2021

- Reservation agent for Maritime Center coming from Enterprise Budget
- Some operational expenses for the Maritime Center charged to Stephen's budget.

Scituate Harbor Sustainability & Resiliency Master Plan Task Force Nominee

Brian asked for a volunteer from the Waterways Commission and Rick Murray offered to be on the Task Force. He reviewed the document they provided and thought it was a lot of data, but short on ideas of what to do. Stephen Mone said he has some thoughts he could discuss with Rick at the end of the meeting. Howie thought it was a big picture approach and a good first step.

Brian Kelly made a motion to nominate Rick Murray as the Scituate Harbor Sustainability & Resiliency Master Plan Task Force representative, seconded by David Friedman; Unanimous Vote (9-0).

Re-gridding - initial discussion

- Does it make sense financially
- May not make sense emotionally.
- Could open up more spots

Brian asked if we had enough information available through the new mooring info system. Stephen said there is a meeting this month and he will tell Brian Kelly when the meeting is so he can attend. He said that 99% of the moorings are where they are supposed to be, but have to make a few corrections. Brian would also like to discuss the cost of adding an interface with Dockwa and the ability to see what is available on line at the upcoming meeting. He felt that we should be close at some point to seeing who is registered and who is using what moorings. Stephen said we have to make a payment on July 1st for the next fiscal year, we only paid a small portion upfront and once we make the payment we will get full access. Stephen said he does not have \$10,000 available in his budget right now, Brian asked if we could get the \$10,000 from unencumbered funds instead of waiting July. Rick said it is worth waiting the 25 days. **Stephen said he would check with Nancy, he thinks**

he just needs to get a P.O. Brian thinks we should be able to get full access and pay in August.

Stephen asked if it should stay on the Capital Plan, Brian said yes we want to move forward with the plan to consider re-gridding. We can take a vote once we have the data from the mooring info system. It could also force us to dredge certain mud moorings.

Kathy Donahue said that the depth of the harbor has to be considered when you re-grid. Stephen said we are looking to do a comprehensive dredging plan, Kathy thinks the dredging needs to be done before the re-gridding. Stephen said we look at the depth before we assign a mooring. She also said that the harbor is littered with old stones that need to be removed.

David Dauphnee, thinks that weight of the boat also needs to be considered when assigning moorings.

Rick Murray said that the way to proceed is to look at the situation with no dredging, a little dredging or a lot of dredging.

Next Meeting: Wednesday July 10th at the Maritime Center.

There being no more business to discuss, Brian Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM, seconded by Stephen Mone; Unanimous Vote (9-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lianne Cataldo
Recording Secretary

List of Documents:

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes from 05/01/19

Agenda Items:

- Review budget for 2021
 - Reservation agent for the Maritime Center coming from Enterprise Budget
 - Some Operational Expenses for the Maritime Center charged to Stephen's budget.
- Slip Fees – July 10th Meeting
- Shellfish Commission presentation, reserve a bigger conference room – August 7th Meeting

Follow up:

- Pump out Boat/Marshfield MOU
 - Brian Kelly will reach out to the Marshfield WWC to invite the Chair to come to one of our meetings and/or we can attend one of theirs in July or August.

- He will also follow up with Jim Boudreau who was supposed to contact the Marshfield Town Administrator.
- Brian said he would confirm that the Town Administrator is paying for the lawyer for the Shellfish Commission 's land and title search
- All members to send comments to Craig regarding application and rules and regulations documents for the Shellfish Commission
- Shellfish Commission to make a presentation and invite the public at the August meeting. Stephen Mone will look into added a sign at the dump and Rick will contact the Scituate Mariner once he knows the date, Stephen will talk to Town Hall about putting a message at the dump
- Mike DiMeo thinks that parking will be available for non-Cohasset residents , Craig will double check.
- David Sincoski will make the request with Frank Snow to get on the Conservation Committee agenda.
- Brian will put a 2,5,10 year budget projection together for the July 10th Meeting.
- Stephen said we have to make a payment on July 1st for the next fiscal year, we only paid a small portion upfront and once we make the payment we will get full access, he will follow up with Nancy to see if he just needs a P.O.
- Craig said he would look into seed being grown in prohibited areas up to one inch if it is then moved

On-Going Items:

- Driftway Ramp:
 - Brad White continue to work with Ducks Unlimited
 - Once a direction is established, David Sincoski and Brian agreed to work with Frank Snow and the Conservation Committee
 - David Sincoski, Ed Dixon and Brad White to be the point people
 - Design of ramp needed
 - Stephen to look into Capital Plan to see how much money was available.
- Stephen Mone to start the process of selecting an engineering firm to start Master Dredging Plan
- David Friedman to work on discrepancies before sending final Slip Contract to Town Council for review
- Security Cameras for Harbor and Rivers:
 - Look into getting access to Marshfield cameras to see the rivers
 - Identify blind spots, check with Scituate Harbor Yacht Club to see if they would allow cameras on their property to help monitor the harbor.
 - Look into current live feed and to see if monitored by Police
- Brian asked Stephen to look into the cost of adding the Dockwa portion or a built-in module that would allow the online system of the Mooring Info Software to work properly
- David Friedman to do a cost savings analysis of the deicer usage