



MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
Community Room, Scituate Public Library
7:00 PM

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

Commission Members not in Attendance: Rick Murray; Michael Gibbons; Dave Sincoski

Also in Attendance: Officer Brendan McAuley; David Haley, Associate Member, Shawn Harris, Board of Selectmen

The meeting was called to order by Brian Kelly at 7:02 PM.

Brian Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by David Friedman; Unanimous Vote (6-0).

Brian Kelly asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2019 meeting, seconded by David Friedman; Unanimous Vote (6-0).

Harbormaster Report: Stephen Mone

Mooring availability update: Stephen said there are currently 10 moorings available. Mike Bearce is currently working on slips which should be assigned by next week. Stephen said that there was not a lot of turnover, only about 10 boats (all small) normally there are about 15-25. Once the slips are assigned Mike will focus on moorings.

Marina winterization: Both marinas are winterized and all the deicers are deployed and have been checked and tested. Electricity is working well, will need to balance out the electric load.

Stephen was asked about the recent auction, he said that we did not sell the boats (17 ft. 13 ft. and 25 ft. whalers and one police boat). The boats were not put on the list for the December auction because the Town wanted to get rid of the school furniture first. The boats should be listed at the next auction will be in a couple of weeks.

Shawn Harris, Board of Selectmen asked if there was a need to put a reserve on them, Stephen said that Officer Brendan McAuley may have a reserve on his boat, he felt that the activity should be there and that the other boats needed a lot of work.

Brian Kelly asked if any of the boats were valuable. Stephen said the old police boat (1992) might be.

Fran McMillen, 9 Bailey Road, thought it could have value.

Officer Brendan McAuley said it is dry now and we may want to have a reserve put on it. Brian Kelly asked if the Recreation Department would want it. Officer Brendan McAuley said it was condemned by the insurance department because there was water damage and the motor is junk, he said it is currently on a trailer (which Stephen has the title for). **Brian and Stephen will look at the boat to decide if a reserve should be added.**

Fran McMillen said the Cohasset Pump out boat went for \$2,800 dollars which was a lot more than expected.

Brian Kelly said that Stephen presented his budget to Board of Selectmen which was approved.

The new boat is still scheduled for June delivery. The hull is coming out of mold next and Stephen said that we made our first payment. David Friedman asked about the payment process, Brian said the payments are currently coming out of a 10 year note (we have two for a combined total of \$65,000) one to make payments and one for final payment. It was discussed that \$25,000 the debt service will go up next year and then after that it will start to decline (2023).

David Haley, Associate Member, asked about the dredging permit, Stephen said the asked the Woods Hole Group to send RFPs from other towns so we could see how the master dredge permits are put together. Stephen said the money was approved last year for engineering. Howie said that we have to get the master plan approved first, then we would prioritize what areas needed to be dredged and then we would get the funding for the specific dredging project. Stephen said he is working on other projects but will have the RFP out by the spring.

Howie said that the north side of the Marina needs to be dredged which would bring in money.

Old Business

Possible insurance changes: David Friedman

There has been an on-going discussion that we currently require \$250,000 liability for slip and mooring holders. David thinks it is low, and different size boats should have more and also feels that we should require a Watercraft Liability Policy. The price difference of raising the liability (\$250,000 to \$500,000) and/or Homeowners versus Watercraft was unknown. Brian Kelly said that pollution and fire coverage is the issue, some policies

(Homeowners) may not cover pollution. Stephen said we are just looking for liability for 16 feet or larger boats and that we would have to change the regulations going forward if we wanted to require different insurance.

Brian Cronin, 5 Dartmouth Street felt that you would be driving out the little guy by making it really difficult and expensive to get insurance. David Friedman said he just wanted to make sure that any damage to the harbor would be covered. Officer Brendan McAuley and Stephen said the State would get involved if the harbor needed to be cleaned up after an accident. The Commission thought that the current insurance procedure may not need to be changed as long as slip and moorings were the same in the contracts rules and regulations, Stephen said he would check.

Brad White, Marshfield Hills, said he would suggest that the harbor insists on any registered boat owner having a Watercraft policy, not a Homeowners policy with liability coverage which is watered down. It may cost a little more money, but it has the pollution coverage.

There was discussion about the boat that got loose near the SHYC during the storm.

Shellfish Committee Update: Craig Rosenquist

Craig resigned from the Shellfish Committee and Brian Kelly asked if anyone was interested in being the liaison going forward for the Shellfish Commission, Craig added that it should slow down once the pilot is launched. The Commission thought Craig could stay on the Committee until he decided whether or not he is going to apply for a license. It was decided that a new WWC member would not need to be assigned at this time.

Craig said that the Committee outlined the pilot program to the Board of Selectmen

- 1 acre lots
- 2 year program
- A maximum of 6 or 7 farmers with the possibility to expand to 15 acres.

The Board of Selectmen asked for guidelines which would indicate a successful pilot after the two years were up.

Craig said that the application process will start next and that they have to come up with criteria for the grading system.

David Friedman asked if they would allow Cohasset residents to have a permit, Craig said they have set aside a plot for them.

Brian asked if they could expand the Shellfish Committee to more than 5 members. Shawn Harris said it is hard to get people to join the committee because they may want to apply for a license.

Brad White, asked if a suit was filed [by Cohasset], Brian said it is in the beginning stages. Brad said that Cohasset is accepting money for a defense fund and trying to collect \$250,000 in a debunked corporation (it has been out of business for 10 years).

Craig asked if there had to be a Waterways Commission member on the Shellfish Committee, Brian said currently yes.

Reviewed open items from December minutes

- Nancy Holt will attend the April meeting
- Overall cost for Maritime Unit: \$103,000 with \$42,000 coming from the WWE Fund (labor and expenses except for MMSU)
- Brian Kelly has contacted Rick and Mike (Waterways Marshfield) about having a joint WWC meeting, but they do not have any meetings scheduled at this time.

New Business

Assign a Representative to Shellfish Committee:

Brian Kelly made a motion to reappoint Craig Rosenquist as the Waterways Commission member liaison for the Shellfish Committee, seconded by Howie Kreutzberg, Unanimous Vote (6-0)

David Dauphinee, Clapp Road said that Cohasset is planning on placing a moratorium on infrastructure and on any assets that connect land to water for any additional commercial uses until they do a new harbor study. It has not been voted on yet, but there is a meeting on Tuesday. Cohasset is going to try to fight this even if we try to include them. David said that there are other ways to access the area through private owners.

Shawn Harris said that they just got a Federal project to dredge, and wondered if they would they be able to do this.

Fran McMillen asked how long the Waterways Commission was going to be the director of the Shellfish Committee, Brian said that they are not and that the Committee does not report to Waterways.

Conservation Committee Update: David Freidman said at the January meeting they will assign a subcommittee member (liaison) for the Driftway Ramp project. It was discussed that the parking was reduced a little due to the new dog park. David said that the Commission may want money from the WWE budget.

Brad White said the Coast Guard would assist in the creation of the signage for the area.

Review the Slip and Mooring Rules and Regulations: Brian said he compared both contracts and wanted to meet with David Freidman before the next meeting to go over the minor changes. Brian said he did receive one suggestion from an audience member.

David Friedman asked when the slip owners sign the agreement, Brian said April 15th.

Brad White said that he contacted the Massachusetts of Motor Vehicles but they were unable to help with stickers for the mooring balls, he would need about 1200 stickers. He said he will continue to pursue and will have an update for the next meeting.

Brad White said he sent out an email for an Emergency Captain Rooster program and that he should have about 25 names.

Stephen Mone is working on a roll call list for Captain Stewart.

David Dauphinee wanted to thank Stephen for getting the Number 1 green can replaced. He said it was fixed very quickly.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 5th at the NOAA

There being no more business to discuss, Brian Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM, seconded by David Friedman; Unanimous Vote (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lianne Cataldo
Recording Secretary

List of Documents:

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes

Agenda Items:

- Review the Rules and Regulations Discrepancies
- Nancy Holt – April
- Joint Waterways Meeting with Marshfield

Follow up:

- Stephen to check to see if insurance procedures are the same for both slip and moorings in the contracts rules and regulations
- Changes to Slip and Mooring Rules and Regulations, Brian and David to meet before the next meeting to go over the minor changes.
- Brad White will continue to pursue stickers for the mooring balls and will have an update for the next meeting.

On-Going Items:

- Mike Stewart wanted to put together a roster of the commercial fisherman to use as a roll call system in case of an emergency. Brad White said he could help him.
- Discuss who/how the shell fishing area in Bassings Beach will be patrolled.
- De-icer analysis
- Mike Gibbons asked if the contractor could start working on the seawall first prior to March and if penalties could be put in for not completing the Cole Parkway Piling Project on time

- Pump out Boat (Marshfield float)
- Marshfield MOU
- Driftway Ramp:
 - Brad White continue to work with Ducks Unlimited, Mr. Dixon is the contact
 - Once a direction is established, David Sincoski and Brian agreed to work with Frank Snow and the Conservation Committee
 - David Sincoski, Dave Friedman from WW, Ed Dixon/Brad White to be the point people to Ducks Unlimited
 - Design of ramp needed- work with Conservation
- Security Cameras for Harbor and Rivers:
 - Brian spoke with Mike Minchello in IT about expanding the fiber optic ring/cameras to Harbormasters office. Would like to connect Public Safety Complex and Harbormaster cameras and provide live access
 - 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