

**Waterways Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday November 6, 2013**  
**Scituate Maritime Center**  
**7:15 pm**

***In attendance:*** Dick Eckhouse, Mike Bearce ( new assistant Harbormaster), Bob McHugh, Vin Lanoue, Don Hourihan, Keith Walo Dave Glancy, Brad White, Brian Cronin, John Vigilante, Michael Gibbons, Pete Toppan, Howie Kreutzburg, Jeff Frank, Tony Lemish, Tom Blinstrub, Tom Gavin, Larry Niland and Jim ?

1. Meeting Called to Order – By Chairperson Eckhouse at 7:15 PM
2. Acceptance of the agenda; added Item K under old business
3. Acceptance of October minutes – The minutes were accepted with the correction of Rick Murray’s name as BOS representative
4. Opening remarks – Chairperson Eckhouse *Discussed*
  - Port Professional Mtg has approved additional funds for the town pier project. The Town Meeting has approved the additional 20% share to be paid by Scituate. The request has gone to the Seaport Advisory Council for approval.
  - The dredge barge cooperative effort by multiple towns on the south shore was discussed. Definition of exactly what towns are included is elusive. The WWC voted to support the cooperative acquisition of a dredge/barge for Plymouth County.
  - The Harbor Management Plan is to appear on the website under the care of Brad White

**Old Business**

- Marinas; no new information
- Transient moorings- draft changes are in the works according to Brian Cronin
- Harbor and Marina management- nothing to report
- Wi-Fi in the harbor is being addressed by the town’s IT department
- Tagging floats- a potential bylaw change may be in order. Marshfield uses reflectors in Marshfield according to Dan Hourihan
- Parking at the Driftway ramp- Eckhouse is to write a letter suggesting new signage
- South River ramp discussion is to be tabled until next month
- Town webpage site is to add the NOAA website sometime in 2013/2014
- Vets discount- there are none offered in any surveyed towns. Scituate could set the precedent according to Tony Lemish. Tony is to approach the towns Veterans Agent to get more information for the next meeting.
- ADA slip- there is no such thing according to Dave Glancy’s research. Further discussion may come in the future.
- The subject of raising fees was added to this agenda. The potential 12 million dollar coverage for boats on moorings and the distribution of the cost for such coverage to be discussed in the future. The estimate of 12 million came from research done by Vin Lanoue.

## **New Business**

- New signage discussion- Mark Patterson to deal with Jericho Ramp parking issues within the regulation of both Town and State funded ramp functions.
- The Stellwagen no discharge zone in Massachusetts Bay was discussed. The potential of a new commercial pier pump out station was raised. The Sanctuary Advisory Council might well support providing a year round pump out facility. Pete Toppan is to draft a letter to the BOS supporting the idea of a year round pump out at the rebuild commercial pier.

Discussion items; we need to collectively review the Waterways Management plan of June, 2011.

Adjournment at 8.50 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Toppan, Acting Secretary