



**MEETING MINUTES  
Waterways Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, November 1, 2017  
Scituate Maritime Center  
119 Edward Foster Road  
7:00 PM**

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Fran McMillen (Chairperson), Brian Cronin (Vice Chairperson), Brian Kelly, Keith Walo, Michael Gibbons, Stephen Mone and David Friedman,

**Commission Members not in Attendance:** David Glancy and Michael LaRusso

**Also in Attendance:** Shawn Harris, Liaison; John Murphy, Fire Chief and Officer Brendan McAuley Maddie Vachon, Scituate Recreation Liaison.

Meeting was called to order by Fran McMillen at 7:01 PM

**Brian Cronin made a motion to approve the agenda, Seconded by Brian Kelly (Unanimous Vote 7 – 0)**

**Brian Cronin made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/26/2017 meeting. Second by Keith Walo (Unanimous Vote) It was decided to postpone the approval of the 10/4 meeting minutes until people have a chance to review them.**

**OPENING REMARKS: Fran McMillen**

- Following up on a “Point of Order” from the last meeting. Checked with Town Hall and all the meetings have been posted at Town Hall 48 hours prior to meeting, within guidelines.
- We have a new secretary, Lianne Cataldo
- We are going to update and post all minutes and agendas to the website so we will be up to date soon

**HARBORMASTER REPORT: Stephen Mone**

- Two boats renting space, blew over in parking lot at Maritime Center, while the crane was in the parking lot we removed the electric building DPW came down and declared it NOT structurally sound so they took it away
- We received a call from a resident that there was an oil spill in the marsh, it was only in a small pocket , originally thought to be about 3 -5 gallons but it was determined by the DPW that it was more like 30-50 gallons. The source was not determined. State DEP will cover costs for the clean up
- Mass Department of Waterways and the Army Corps of Engineers reviewed the plans for the Marina rehabilitation project and we have submitted requests for permits. We filed notice with the Town and will send information to ADA and will file notice with conservation.
- The probing went well, completed 45. Gravel and dense clay was discovered

- We are removing fingers from Cole Parkway and then they will be taken apart and chained up and stored for the winter.
- Ordered de-icers. They will be deployed at Maritime Center
- Tow Policy went in front of the Board of Selectman and they approved it

**The Proposed 5 year Capital plan was reviewed by Stephen Mone**

- Would like to replace the current Harbormaster Truck \$43,000
- Request to replace Boat Unit 3 in 2019 for \$300,000. Stephen Mone had a discussion with Fire Chief Murphy regarding a replacement boat. Would like a tailgate that would go down in the back to get multiple people out of water if needed in an emergency situation. Also would like to be able to run lines to have ability to put fires out. Currently, we only have a small pump that cost approximately \$500 a year to keep operating. We would also have foam capability. This is a 30 year fix. **There was concern from Howie Kreutzberg (Edward Foster Road) that this was a lot of money to spend. Mike Gibbons asked if there was Grant money available, it was explained that the Grant Process had changed and Scituate would have to compete with large cities like NYC and that we have tried twice already with no success. The money goes to major projects in larger ports.** There was discussion about using the GITMO boat. Chief Murphy said this could be used as a short term fix and would cost about \$80,000 to renovate.

**Paul Murphy (Crescent Avenue) asked Stephen if this replaces a boat or is it additional...”**

**Sean Harris asked if the boat would be left in the water year rounds and Stephen Mone replied that it would.**

**Bob Rappold (Country Way) wanted to know if it affects the budget for the marina, Stephen Mone said that it would not.**

- Request for a Unit 4 small boat for the North and South River for \$35,000, this would be a 16 foot inflatable. This boat would be used to get to areas like the Spit if the weather is. Stephen Mone stated that this might come off the capital and moved to the regular budget.

**Howie Kreutzberg asked if we currently owned a black inflatable, Stephen said it does not hold air. It was a cast off from another harbormaster office and is not worth fixing.**

**Brian Cronin asked if an 18 foot would be better, but Stephen wants a boat that can get into tight spots.**

**Fire Chief Murphy said might have an 18 foot skiff they could share with the Harbormaster’s office**

- Replacing and adding additional Pilings at the Scituate Maritime Center for \$140,000. The current ones are not high enough can add steel to them or replace the current ones. Originally, they were not built to the engineer’s specs to save money. They are all different heights, some are lower than others.

**Mike Gibbons wanted to know if this would require engineering, Stephen Mone said when the do the borings that would be included.**

- An Aquaculture Plan which would cost \$49,000 for consultant and 3 licenses. This would assign commercial areas to grow shellfish. This has been done in different towns like Falmouth who hired a consultant to see what areas were viable and what you can grow. We would create both recreational areas and commercial areas and revolve them. We would apply for 3 licenses the town

would hold to obtain a license you would have to grow in the commercial area, not just purchase license to block a competitor. This would produce revenue for Scituate and clean water because shellfish eat nitrogen. Currently, Scituate Harbor is prohibited from growing, but we are doing a sanitary survey to see if this is still valid. The reason might be due to the fact that we had a school teacher as a part time constable and he wasn't available to shut it down if necessary. The thinking is it should be viable to grow shellfish. The price could vary depending on what the Town wanted to do.

**Brian Cronin asked if they were looking at other areas in Scituate like Rivers and Stephen said yes.**

**Dick Eckhouse (Meeting House Lane), brought up the fact that he thought the current constable was also part time Stephen Mone did not know**

**Howie Kreutzberg wanted to know if this was a legitimate cost for Waterways, the Commission thought it was because it was a good investment that would also clean the water.**

**David Friedman wanted to know how Duxbury does it; Stephen thinks they just gave out an area through a grant.**

**Bob Rappold wanted to know where the money was coming from Stephen Mone said that it would come from the Waterways Enterprise Fund.**

**Mike Gibbons wanted to know if we could look into for charging for licenses. Fran McMillen and Mike Gibbons will contact some people to see what other towns are charging**

- Request for the replacement of the main floats, \$84,000 has been allocated for this project. We may be able get money if we went back to Seaport (Seaport Grant we pay 25%). There are 5 or 6 main floats that are 15 or 16 x 20.
- Harbormaster Office renovations at a cost of \$75,000, this item is for the 2021 or 2022 budget Kevin Kelly suggested having an architect come in to make it ADA compliant. This request is just to update the bathrooms, showers and accessibility to the building. It was built to 1980s specs and presently has no wheelchair access.
- Replacement Pump out Boat, the GSA website estimates the cost at approximately \$74,811 government would give \$54,811 so our cost would be \$20,000. The current boat is getting old and was used when we bought it
- Replacement of docks and electrical on docks at Cole parkway Marina for a cost of \$1,000,000. The plan would be to go to Seaport in hopes they would pay 80%. It would be a better grade of float. There is a possibility we could sell old ones, however they are in bad shape
- Repower Unit 1 \$43,000 this just needs to get into capital plan for future
- Repower Unit 2 \$24,870 this just needs to get into capital plan for future

**David Friedman asked if there was anything else on wish list so we could pay for projects incrementally. Stephen Mone said maybe the refacing of the seawall, but he did not have a cost at this time**

**Keith Walo asked what is going on with the Warrant at the Town meeting.** Steve Mone talked about Article 9 which would allow an environment state ticket to become a bylaw ticket (violation) so it doesn't go to court and all the money goes right to Town instead of splitting it with court

**Bob Rappold, wanted to know if the floats are going to be left in the water all yea and if it was feasible maintenance wise. Stephen Mone explained that they get more damaged taking them in and out of the water. They will have de-icers and plastic tubs.**

**Keith Walo said they will rub up against each other in storms.**

**David Friedman asked if you could space them, but you would still need bumpers in between them  
Keith Walo explained**

**Stephen Mone is looking at products, Mike Gibbons suggested chaining them up**

**Maddie Vachon, Scituate Recreation liaison, asked if Scituate Recreation could leave their 420 docks at the Maritime Center, Stephen said to put in Capital Plan for next year.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mike Gibbons passed out a letter that he wrote to the Board of Selectman regarding the dredging of the South River so they will understand the safety concern when appropriate funding is requested for the project. Currently you cannot tell where the low spots are in the South River and in particular there is one high priority area at the entrance.

Shawn Harris gave an update informing the commission that we have the easements necessary. We are just trying to determine where we can put the spoils from the dredging. Now that the board of Selectman will know how dangerous this area is maybe it will speed up the process

**Shawn Harris was wondering how many yards of material will need to be dredged; Mike Gibbons said they did not know that information yet.**

**Chief Murphy asked if the \$50,000 was still available for this project that was appointed several years ago. Stephen Mone wasn't sure.**

**David Friedman made a motion to approve Mike Gibbons letter and to send to the Board of Selectman, Brian Cronin second (Unanimous Vote 7 -0)**

**Ethan Moss, SeaTow asked about alternative funding for dredging if needed and who would spearhead the process of trying to find other money. Fran McMillen said if there is no free money we might have to split cost with Marshfield. Grants are drying up.**

### **WATERWAYS FINANCIAL REVIEW: Keith Walo**

2017 Enterprise Fund Budget, Town Hall gave financial documents within 24 hours of request up to September 2018. Keith Walo and David Friedman are reviewing it, will have something ready for next meeting.

### **WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Brian Kelly had a meeting with Brad Washburn, Director of Planning and Development, regarding the Waterways management plan and he wants to come to a future meeting and talk

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Recently, there have been a lot of questions regarding duplicate assets for the Fire Department, Marine Patrol, and the Harbormaster. Fran McMillen asked for volunteers to look at operations in all 3 departments to consolidate assets and reduce redundancy.

Volunteers include:

Fran McMillen

Dick Eckhouse,  
Chief John Murphy,  
Police Officer Brendan McAuley  
Howie Kreutzberg

**Dick Eckhouse thought it was a consolidate to minimize draw on enterprise fund**

**Paul Murphy (Crescent Avenue) asked about a situation where a boat was left out anchored with no one on it and about 4 or 5 boat converged on it, he was wondering who is in charge of abandoned boat.**

**Brian Cronin made a motion for Fran McMillen to keep his post as Chairperson; Mike Gibbons seconded the motion (Unanimous Vote 7 – 0)**

**Motion to adjourn made at 8:44 made by Brian Cronin, second by Keith Walo (Unanimous Vote 7 – 0)**

Respectfully submitted,

Lianne Cataldo  
Recording Secretary

**List of Documents:**

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes from 9/26/2017
- Meeting Minutes from 10/4/2017
- Harbormaster 5 year Capital Plan
- Letter to Scituate Board of Selectman

**Follow Up:**

- Lianne Cataldo will follow up Kevin Kelly to see if Maritime Center is open in December for the next meeting
- Keith Walo to present Financial Review of Enterprise Fund
- Fran McMillen to give review of duplicate assets in the Fire Department, Marine Patrol, and the Harbormaster Office