

**TOWN OF SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS  
WATERWAYS COMMISSION**



**MEETING MINUTES  
Waterways Commission  
Wednesday, May 4, 2022  
7:00 pm  
Scituate Senior Center  
333 First Parish Road**

**Commission Members Present:** Chairperson; Mike Gibbons, Scituate Harbormaster; Stephen Mone, Member; Dave Friedman, Member; Brian Kelly (dialed in), Member; Dave Haley, Member; Craig Rosenquist, Associate Member; Dave Dineen

**Also in Attendance:** Recording Secretary; Alicia Anthony, Officer Brendan McAuley of Scituate Police Department, Economic Development Liaison; Fran McMillen

**Members Not in Attendance:** Vice Chairperson; Rick Murray, Associate Member; T.J. Malvesti, Associate Member; Brian Cronin, Member; Howie Kreutzberg, Member; Dave Sincoski, Selectboard Liaison; Maura Curran

**Chairperson Gibbon asked for a motion to be made to call the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. which was made by Dave Friedman, seconded by Harbormaster Mone, and voted unanimously in favor (6-0) by roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)  
Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)  
Dave Friedman (yes)  
Brian Kelly (yes)  
Dave Haley (yes)  
Craig Rosenquist (yes)**

**Chairperson Gibbons asked for a motion to be made to vote on the acceptance of the April 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes at the next Waterways meeting, which was made by Dave Friedman, seconded by Harbormaster Mone, and voted unanimously in favor (6-0) by roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)**

**Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)**

**Dave Friedman (yes)**

**Brian Kelly (yes)**

**Dave Haley (yes)**

**Craig Rosenquist (yes)**

**General discussion & Harbormaster report – Stephen Mone**

**A. CPM Marina Dock Replacement**

Harbormaster Mone spoke to say that as stated at the last meeting, an engineer has been hired and the Selectboard has approved moving forward with the engineering. He mentioned that they should have a draft of drawings sometime in June/July. Chairperson Gibbons asked when this will go to RFP, to which Harbormaster Mone responded August 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairperson Gibbons asked if he'll need to be looking at products. Harbormaster Mone replied that there are representatives scheduled to come out to show products to both him and the engineer in the near future. He went on to say that there are two versions that they're looking in to and decisions will be made depending on what products are available for earlier dates.

**B. Dredging Projects**

Harbormaster Mone reported that Marshfield Harbormaster, Mike Dimeo, has put together a grant application for the South River. He went on to say that the Marshfield Town Administrator wanted Situate to write their own grant for the Harbor itself so he had that done on his end. The areas chosen for this were limited to the Lobsterman Association, the Scituate Marine Park area, the area in front of Cole Parkway Marina along the sea wall, near the new docks, and the whole pier. Harbormaster Mone reported that now he will wait to hear back.

**C. Bing Bing Vessel Removal**

Harbormaster Mone reported that the Coast Guard, DEP, and the Environmental Company got permission to drag the Bing Bing further in to the Harbor, where they secure, prepped and towed it out to New Bedford where an investigation will take place. The boat will be scrapped from there. Mr. McMillen reported that there is not looking like any issues are to be expected from being spuds down.

**D. Preparation for Beginning of Season**

Harbormaster Mone reported that the fingers are all now in place, the water has been turned on at both marinas, the docks are looking good, the plumber will be back out to address a pressure valve leak at Cole Parkway, and his department is now working on loose deck boards, getting extinguishers and such in place and training staff on boat skills.

**E. Cohasset Harbor Inter-Municipality Agreement**

Chairperson Gibbons mentioned that he likes to attend Cohasset's monthly meetings when he sees interesting items on their agendas. As he was unable to attend their last meeting, Dave Sincoski and Brian Kelly attended in his place. The topic was regarding an IMA Agreement, with two different asks on an agreement between Scituate and Cohasset were being discussed. They discussed use of land within the harbor and what happens, such as arrest within the waters, and mentioned that this

would be handled by Cohasset Police and the Norfolk County from a court stand point. Member, Brian Kelly, reported that this is due to Scituate and Cohasset residing in different MA Counties. Mr. Kelly mentioned that they also talked about the potential for joint grants at the meeting. He stated that they mentioned the dredging grants that Marshfield and Scituate were working on together, and the thoughts that there may be projects between Scituate and Cohasset as well. Mr. Kelly reported that there was talk of Cohasset inviting Scituate personnel to an upcoming meeting to discuss jurisdictions within the waters. He also reported that their Governance Committee is a sub-committee to Cohasset's Waterways Committee and that their considering hiring a Shellfish Constable. Chairperson Gibbons stated that the Scituate Waterways will be keeping an eye on Cohasset's discussions to keep the Scituate Selectboard and Town Administrator involved if believed beneficial.

## **New Business**

### **A. Scituate Boat Works Parking Lot Concerns -Brian Curreri**

Brian Curreri, of Scituate Boat Works, spoke regarding problems his business has been experiencing regarding the renting of the Maritime Center during his peak business hours. He stated that the success of the center has brought a lot of parking inconveniences for his business during functions, also saying that during Covid closures, there was a break in the parking struggles. Mr. Curreri would like to figure out a way for the two businesses to work out the parking situation, so that he can clear his lot during his business hours. He also mentioned that these impacts have forced him to close his business at times as well as adjust pick up and drop off hours for his customers. Mr. Curreri proposed blocking off some times that the Maritime Center can't overcrowd the parking lots. He went on to say that Scituate Boat Works normal business hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 4 p.m., with their peak months being October through June, acknowledging that the Maritime Center is closed for a lot of this as it is. Office McAuley also mentioned that he has seen this lot so full many times that it would make it difficult for emergency vehicles to get through if ever needed. The board discussed that the Scituate Boat Works lease comes in to the Waterways budget and their desires to want to help make this work for the business. It was also said that the details of events needing to be held during these times could be worked out by Town Administrator, Jim Boudreau, if and when it is written.

**The board then discussed and Chairperson Gibbons made the following motion – The Waterways Commission recommends limiting the hours of the Maritime Center weekdays October 1<sup>st</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>, from the hours of 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., which was seconded by Harbormaster Mone, and voted unanimously in favor (6-0), by roll call vote.**

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)**

**Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)**

**Dave Friedman (yes)**

**Brian Kelly (yes)**

**Dave Haley (yes)**

**Craig Rosenquist (yes)**

**Old Business**

**A. Small Vessel Management and Access**

- **Racking for Paddle Craft**

It was discussed that Small Group Members Dave Sincoski, Dave Friedman, and Chairperson Gibbons would speak prior to next month's meeting and report back for the June Waterways Meeting.

**B. Financial Update – Brian Kelly**

Member, Brian Kelly, stated that he brought up the numbers that went out through 4/22 and will have the full amounts for next meeting. He went on to say that this is trending in the right direction and will discuss the full report at next month's meeting.

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**C. Shellfish closure update –Dave Friedman**

Member, Dave Friedman, reported that state reps, along with Marshfield Harbormaster, Mike Dimeo, and local citizens are working hard towards this. He stated that the report at the last Shellfish Advisory Commission Meeting it was said that the hope is to have some part of the shellfish beds open for next year, with a focus on the South River. Mr. Friedman reported that the studies are showing great results and the Federal Government now needs to approve.

**C. SHARC Update –Craig Rosenquist**

Member, Craig Rosenquist, reported that Town Administrator, Jim Boudreau relayed that the design and construction money could be used for this project. They are waiting to put an RFP out until more answers are known, but should be within the next month. He reported that the design review will follow so it is probably several months out before anything happens.

**E. Harbor Wi-Fi**

Harbormaster Mone informed the board that he posted the RFP on the Harbormaster's site today and is now waiting on responses.

**F. Friend of SHS Sailing**

As there wasn't anyone present to discuss this further, it was said to keep in mind for future meetings while looking at different projects.

**Participant Q&A**

Chairperson Gibbons asked the board to think about not meeting in July as the scheduled date is close to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and the Maritime Center is booked. It was decided to discuss further at next month's meeting.

Chairperson Gibbons added during the meeting that there were a lot of marina patrons that waited until the end to send in their payments this season. Going on to say that by the end of the due date, there were still twenty patrons that hadn't paid, many having asked for extensions. Harbormaster Mone stated that giving these extensions isn't fair to the people on the waiting list. He wants direction on how strict he should be as he is aware that there is a reason for the policy. It was decided that this will be discussed further at a future meeting. The regulations many need a line added in stating that there will be a \$400 fine/late fee. Member, Brian Kelly, mentioned that from the board's financial standpoint, late payments fines for moorings were exceeding budget numbers but were at \$2,500 for slips. He went on to say that people will certainly take advantage if there isn't a punishment. Resident, Paul Manning, of 64 Moreland Parkway,

restated that there needs to be a higher level of enforcement. Enforcing boats on other people's moorings being limited was also discussed.

**Chairperson Gibbons asked for a motion to be made to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 P.M., which was made by Dave Friedman, seconded by Dave Haley, and voted unanimously in favor (6-0) by roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote;**

**Chairperson Mike Gibbons (yes)**

**Harbormaster Stephen Mone (yes)**

**Dave Friedman (yes)**

**Brian Kelly (yes)**

**Dave Haley (yes)**

**Craig Rosenquist (yes)**