

**TOWN OF SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS
WATERWAYS COMMISSION**



**MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission
Wednesday, May 3, 2023
6:00 pm
Scituate Maritime Center
117 Edward Foster Road**

Commission Members Present: Chair; Rick Murray, Vice Chair; Dave Dinneen, Mike Gibbons, Brian Kelly, Howie Kreutzberg, Brian Cronin, Associate Member; T.J. Malvesti, Scituate Harbormaster; Stephen Mone,

Also in Attendance: Recording Secretary; Alicia Anthony, Select Board Liaison; Maura Curran, Brendan MacCauley

Members Not in Attendance: Dave Haley, Dave Sincoski, Associate Member; Steve Guard, Associate Member; Kevin Norton

Chair Murray called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Chair Murray read the Statement of commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Chair Murray asked for a motion to be made to accept the meeting agenda, which was made by Mike Gibbons, seconded by Brian Kelly and voted unanimously in favor.

The Meeting minutes from March and April will be voted on next month.

Correspondence

Scituate Harbor Park (Pier 44)—Letter of support has been submitted
A letter of support was submitted to the Select Board.

Harbormaster Report

A. Season Preparation Update

Harbormaster Mone shared that the Cole Parkway project is moving along. He stated that preparations at the Maritime Center are underway; the fingers have been moved into place, the de-icers have been removed and put away, the power

is on, and a minor water leak is scheduled to be addressed. Harbormaster Mone reported that Dockwa reservations are coming in and last season it was far reached and very helpful. He shared that staff is in place for the season as well as all department boats being ready to go.

B. Jericho Ramp Parking Lot Update

Harbormaster Mone shared that the Fishing and Boating Access crew has striped the parking lots at the Jericho Ramp after DPW did a sweep. The new signs will go in soon.

Harbormaster Mone also informed the board that he is waiting on DEP for the piling and pump out station approval, and the engineering is complete.

Select Board Liaison, Maura Curran, asked Harbormaster Mone where the big project for the area stood. Harbormaster Mone responded that it is still waiting on the state, but has not been stalled in any way.

C. Cole Parkway Dock Replacement Project

The commission had plans to tour the new dock at the end of the meeting.

Harbormaster Mone reported that he is very happy with all results, and that the company was easy to work with.

It was shared that the punch list at this point includes the fireboxes, which should ship on May 17th and will include fire extinguishers and have alarms on them. An electric code was recently changed since the beginning of the project that the engineer is waiting to get clarification on. Seasonal opening will not be delayed due to this.

D. Comprehensive Dredging Permit

Harbormaster Mone shared that the Woods Hole group working on this project and all is moving along. They have completed surveys and requested additional information for the Harbormaster this week.

E. Drawing Name for Kayak Racks

Howie Kreutzberg shared that the Scituate Maritime Foundation is donating money to offset the cost of the kayak racks.

Old Business--Updates

Maritime Center Parking Lot

Maura Curran reported that she found out that the parking lot was filled in once at the Waterways Commission's expense. Ms. Curran also shared that Boat Work's lease states they are responsible for all maintenance, which includes the parking lot. Harbormaster Mone and Ms. Curran will arrange for a meeting with the owner of Boat Works to make them aware and to discuss responsibilities moving forward. It was also mentioned that the Conservation Commission will also need to approve what can be done.

Harbor Wi-Fi – Need Update

Ms. Curran shared that the town and Munchkin reached an agreement. Equipment will be put up on the Harbormaster building, with other areas discussed to be followed up on, by June 1st. Wi-Fi will be available for no charge for up to two hours per day, with fees after that.

Maritime Center Scheduling – Need Update

Ms. Curran reported that the painting is done, the roof repair is out to bid, a quote is out for the door replacement, and DPW is trying to locate the parts for the handicapped railing repairs.

Financial Update

Brian Kelly shared that the Waterway's final numbers are not in, but as of now tracking and slip and mooring fees are starting to catch up in the system.

Tentative Remaining Waterways Schedule for 2023

Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:00 pm

August... no meeting (as of now)

Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 6:00 pm

It was discussed to conduct June through October meetings at the Maritime Center if available.

Participants Q&A

Janet Fairbanks, of 129 Neal Gate Street, inquired about the reasons for asking for a letter of liability. Harbormaster Mone informed Ms. Fairbanks that the town's insurance company is requiring all boat owners to provide proof of policy.

Chair Murray made a motion to suspend the meeting at 7:05 p.m., the commission later voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.