

**TOWN OF SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS
WATERWAYS COMMISSION**



**MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
6 PM
Scituate Maritime Center
117 Edward Foster Road**

Commission Members Present: Chair; Dave Dinneen, Brian Kelly, Scituate Harbormaster; Stephen Mone, Brian Cronin, Mike Gibbons, Howie Kreuzberg, Dave Haley, Associate Members; T.J. Malvesti and Steven Guard

Also in Attendance: Selectboard Liaison Susan Harrison, Scituate Police Officer Craig Keefe, EDC Liaison; Fran McMillen

Members Not in Attendance: Rick Murray and Dave Sincoski, Associate Member Kevin Norton

Chair Dinneen called the meeting to order at 6PM

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

Chair Dinneen 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 (7-0).

Chair Dinneen asked for a motion to be made to accept the Minutes from July 11, 2023, which was made by Mike Gibbons, seconded by David Haley and voted unanimously in favor (7-0).

Chair Dinneen asked for a motion to be made to accept the Minutes from September 6, 2023, which was made by Mike Gibbons, seconded by Brian Kelly and voted unanimously in favor (7-0).

Chair Dinneen announced he would introduce at Chairmans Report for future meetings. He also requested WWC Members complete necessary Ethics Documentation. He also welcomed and introduced Susan Harrison from the Scituate Selectboard as the liaison for the WWC.

Chair Dinneen and Harbormaster Mone introduced Joe Romanowski – Partner of Lynxlog, formerly MooringInfo, LLC (150 Longwater Dr Suite 203, Norwell, MA). Mr. Romanowski was invited to the meeting because of the marina waitlist issues that occurred on 8/1/23. Mr. Romanowski opened by indicating that Lynxlog accepted all responsibility for the problems. Appears there was a software upgrade by their hosting partner early that morning, which may have caused the scheduled event to incorrectly become unscheduled. The event was scheduled to begin at 9AM on 8/1/23 and was delayed until 9:30AM when the problem discovered/reported and resolved. Mr. Romanowski indicated that steps

have been taken to resolve this going forward by adding software to prevent this from occurring, as well as having a Lynxlog employee monitor this process in the future. Chair Dinneen and Brian Kelly indicated that they would communicate to 2 individuals who contacted the WWC re the waitlist issues.

Harbormaster Report

A. Updates - moving into Fall.

H/M Mone indicated the Outer Harbor was beginning to empty. Slip reminder information has been sent out via Constant Contact, Lynxlog and that Invoices would be sent via US Mail for slip holders and mooring holders.

B. Special Town Meeting – Monday, October 16th

H/M Mone stated that at the STM (held at the Scituate High School Gymnasium) Article 7- Grant Request has a request for an Engineering analysis of the Harbormaster Building. This request is funded through retained earnings and is the WWC share for a Seaport Economic Advisory Council (SEAC) grant for this project.

Old Business

A. Maritime Center Parking Lot—Status and Update

Chair Dinneen had meeting with Town Administrator and Town Hall is considering hiring an engineering company to review options to resolve this multiyear issue. Brian Kelly expressed deep concerns about Public Safety issues for Commercial fishermen, as well as the public and patrons of the Maritime Center, Scituate Boat Works and the SMC Marina. Howie Kreuzberg agreed that this issue has been ongoing too many years, and that is it dangerous and an eyesore. David Dauphinee 356 Clapp Rd, Scituate provided recent pictures showing deep pools of water under boats which were being worked on, and commented on the dangers this is creating. Brian Curreri of Scituate Boat Works indicated that the entrance can't drain properly, and probably should be redesigned. When initially built, everything drained but now adding fill in potholes, raising the level has resulted in problems. Moving the old Life savings museum has also resulted in problems with drainage. Discussion about inviting Conservation, DPW or the Town Administrator to future meeting.

B. Harbor Wi-Fi –Status and Update

Chair Dinneen provided historical update of project. Mike Gibbons indicated that it appears the selected vendor- Muchyn was no longer in business. WWC will request member, Dave Sincoski to research surrounding Harbors with Wi-Fi solutions, and determine vendor providing this service. Members Howie Kreuzberg, Mike Gibbons and EDC liaison Fran McMillan stated Scituate is the only harbor around that doesn't provide Wi-Fi to its patrons and visitors.

C. Comprehensive Dredging Permit

H/M Mone provided update, indicated Woods Hole Engineering is currently mapping out wetlands surrounding the Harbor and SPD has been notified in event of any resident concern. Believes Permits approx. 2 years away. Member David Haley asked how long for dredge to commence and what can be done to accelerate the process. Also, Member Haley indicated concern about the marsh bluff caving into the newly dredge area and what Woods Hole Engineering plan for that would be,

D. Dock Boxes

Member Brian Cronin reviewed a draft document for a dock box amendment to Marina rules/contract for SMC Marina, which was well received by members of WWC. H/M Mone expressed concern re safety and integrity of new SMC docks. Some changes suggested- Associate

Member Steven Guard suggested an upcharge for use of dock box. Also indicated that in new SHYC docks, no dock box allowed due to structural and safety concerns. If SMC allowed dock boxes, it should be defined as to exact type and dimensions/size. Selectboard Liaison Susan Harrison suggested language modification. Brian Cronin will input changes and review how many dock boxes at SMC, type, etc. for discussion at next meeting.

E. Harbormaster Building replacement, feasibility, design, engineering and permitting grant application.

Harbormaster Mone updated the WWC on Town Meeting Grant request for \$80,000 for the engineering services to review options for renovation or replacement. H/M Mone goal was to improve bathrooms, halls, etc. for ADA. Brian Kelly indicated there are FEMA and ADA thresholds, where improvements, additions, etc. at certain percentages of the buildings fair market value will trigger code compliance for the buildings. Brian Cronin requested that the WWC receive the 2019 engineering evaluation performed on the H/M building, Brian Kelly volunteered to send to the WWC., Howie Kreuzberg asked for status of invitation to Lt Governor Kim Driscoll to thank Seaport for their assistance with CPM Marina.

VIII. Liaison Reports

a. SHARC (Pier 44)

Howie Kreutzberg reported that the next meeting was for the night after this meeting- 10/5 and would update the WWC at our November meeting.

b. Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee – Mike Gibbons

Mr. Gibbons stated that the RFP bid responses were narrowed to 2 Engineering Firms for the engineering and design from Town Pier to Satuit Brook by Maria's.

c. Shellfish Advisory Committee

Selectboard Liaison Susan Harrison informed the WWC Members and attendees that Oysters farming is under way on 3 one-acre plots, and Oysters should be available in 18 months.

New Business

Financial Update

Brian Kelly has worked with Nancy Holt on Debt rates and year length and will model up costs of current project on 5-year Capital Plan. Mr. Kelly also indicated that the 5-year Capital Plan and Operational Budget will be review by the Capital Planning Committee on October 18, 2023.

Police Department Update

Officer Craig Keefe and Chair Dinneen provided an update on SPD new boat- currently undergoing Sea Trials, expected to become fully operational in November.

Participants Q&A

Brad White 149 Old Main Street, Marshfield told the group that Green Harbor is being dredged this fall/winter

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m., which was made by Mike Gibbons, seconded by Brian Cronin, and voted unanimously in favor (6-0). (Dave Haley needed to leave early therefore 6-0 vs 7-0)