

Waterways Management Committee Minutes 6.6.18 Falmouth Harbormaster's Office

Present: Chuck Eastman, Gregg Fraser, Arthur Hawkes, Kevin King, Mike Kinney, Dan Shearer, Jeff Thomas; Recording Secretary Barbara Campbell

Absent: Chuck Martinsen

Guests: Doug Brown, Cam Dawson, Glenn Schlager

List of Documents presented at the meeting: Minutes from 5.2.18 meeting, agenda, email exchange between Jim Tietje and Gregg Fraser, proposed float reconfiguration of Old Dock Road West Falmouth Harbor, proposed Seapit Landing fisherman access facility

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from 5.2.18 were approved with corrections of two names: Jeff Thomas in the list of those present, and Mike Kinney under Member Comments.

Jim Tietje --- Use of Slip 47 for two boats

Mr. Tietje has the boats Islander and Patriot 2 in two slips. He would like to bring in the Minuteman to slip 47 when the Islander is out and use it for loading and unloading of passengers. Mr. Fraser said the Waterways Committee has the authority to grant this request per approval of the Town Counsel. He said that Mr. Tietje already pays a \$1,000 fee for loading and unloading of passengers so he would not be charged an additional fee. If others asked to do the same, they would have to pay a fee as well. Frank Duffy stated the Waterways Committee has the authority to place any restrictions they deem appropriate on any future request and this does not set a precedent moving forward. *Mr. Shearer and Mr. Kinney moved to approve Mr. Tietje's request with no additional fees. The vote to approve was unanimous.*

West Falmouth New Float Update

GEI Consultants prepared a design plan for the additional floats at West Falmouth. Before construction can take place, there has to be an amendment to the dock permit and estimates need to be received to determine funding. The Boat Club has said it will conduct private fundraising for this project. The plan needs approval from the WWC and then must be filed with the ConCom and DEP for the regulatory approvals. Gregg stated if there is private funding and the dock is "given" to the town, then the Waterways Committee does not need to be involved with bidding. But if this is done through town funding 30B procurement would apply, Mr. Fraser said Waterways gets about \$15,000 to spend on new floats, for the year, but because West Falmouth recently received new floats, there are other, higher priorities for funding. *Mr. Thomas called for a vote for Waterways to go to the Conservation Commission for an amendment to the non-closed out permit and Chapter 91 permitting. The move was approved unanimously.*

Waquoit Bay Boat Ramp Replacement

The proposed site plan for the new Waquoit Bay Boat ramp was presented. (Prepared by the state Office of Fishing and Boating Access) It calls for the boat ramp to go from 12' up to 15' with two feet at the upper end serving as a trailer curb and a scour pad at the end. Mr. Fraser said we hope to do the same style as at Megansett and Harrington St. This is considered a small boat ramp so no coffer dam will be used for construction. We also hope to merge town funds (chapter 90) to redo the road, parking lot and install new storm water runoff improvements. We are asking the Office of Fishing and Boating to file the NOI. *Mr. Thomas called a vote to approve the plan and it was approved unanimously.*

2018 Spring Dredging Update

Dredging was completed at the Eel River, Great Pond and Green Pond inlets. The sand shifter broke early in the process with mechanical and electrical issues. All south-facing inlets had been surveyed and the three above were the only ones where dredging was determined to be necessary.

Public Comments:

Mr. Schlager had word from Mr. Viera that the House appropriated \$45,000 for Applied Engineering to do the engineering study. It is now in the Senate. If approved there it would go to the governor for his approval. Gregg asked if this was part of the Environmental Bond Bill, it was unknown at this time.

Mr. Dawson said the Eel Pond group has created a non-profit organization. He said before WEBNRR allows dredging to take place and a portion of Washburn Island to be removed, they have to make sure the problem is not made worse in the long run as has happened before. Mr. Fraser told him that a plan has to be submitted to the Conservation Commission and the state in order to dredge the area and dispose of the material. A place to put the dredged material needs to be determined, and a permit is necessary even if the material is trucked away, which is tremendously expensive. Gregg reminded all in attendance TOY waivers are not allowed for embayment's, the DEP will only consider them for inlets. The area of concern here is an embayment.

Member Comments

Bids open on June 14 for work to be done at Simpsons Landing. So far 8 bid packets have been requested from interested parties. Construction will not begin until Columbus Day to avoid disruption to the businesses in the area.

A mooring monitor software program will be installed in the fall. The data needs to be converted from Topgun to Mooringinfo over the next few months. It will be an in-house program that does billing, GIS information, mapping and excise tax billing.

Mr. King asked about the status of the Woods Hole moorings/outhauls. Mr. Fraser reported that the gangway to the ramp has been fixed.

Mr. Kinney said that a piling at Green Pond seemed loose, and Mr. Fraser said Little River had fixed the pilings there.

Mr. King is putting together a binder with all of the ramp sites in town that he said would be helpful for future members of the committee. He asked for help from Mr. Fraser for updating data.

The Little Harbor floats need to be moved from Falmouth Harbor to Little Harbor.

The next meeting will take place July 11, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Campbell, recording secretary.