

**WATERWAYS COMMITTEE  
180 SCRANTON AVE  
JULY 1, 2020  
7:00PM**

**Members Present:** Jeff Thomas (Chair), Mike Kinney (V. Chair), Chuck Eastman, Joe Voci, Kevin King, Gregg Fraser, Dan Shearer

**Members Not-Present:** Chuck Martinsen.

**Guests Present:** Chris Dunn, John Eldert

**Call to order:** Quorum present meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

- **Public Comments - Previously submitted document regarding**

C. Dunn & J. Eldert both Board appointed members of WBYC representing the board and members of WBYC. Previously submitted document for review.

C. Dunn – Amendment of the March 4, 2020 minutes.

A solution is needed to the challenges in WB and would like the members of the WBYC to be allowed to participate in the development of that solution.

Asking for priority and request for funding as a separate capital funding request.

Obtained estimates from WHG and C&I engineering, because of the vast difference in estimates, would like clarification that the estimates were for the same scope of work. Requests a RFP or RFI process.

Would like the documents that were supplied to WWC to be added to public record.

J. Thomas - Offered to add these items to the August 2020 WWC meeting.

J. Eldert – Clarity is needed from the WWC and/or the selectman of what their official decision is regarding the dredging of WB. WBYC feels the 3.5 to 4' depth of WB could have an effect on boaters and WBYC membership.

J. Thomas - request amending the minutes of March 4, 2020

Replace: C. Dunn satisfied with creative ideas and solutions the committee has put forth.  
with

C. Dunn acknowledged that the committee is capable of creative solutions. He requested a call to action to develop a creative approach to dredging in Waquoit Bay, and to allow for the representatives from the WBYC to participate in the development of the solution.

- **Review and approve minutes of March 4, 2020**
- **Motion: M Kinney, 2nd K King to approve as amended**

Approved as amended 1 extension and 5 yeses Voted

- **Spring/Summer Dredging Projects Update – Green Pond and Great Pond**

G Fraser – Green pond dredging completed last week with the spoils going to the Acapesket Beach Assoc. property. Restriction waiver is in place for the exterior of Great Pond inlet the equipment is in place, work to start after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

J Thomas – Permit updates/Status?

G Fraser - Waiting for the the extension of Green Pond embayment area. Work done by the County, went right up to the line where the embayment starts, this solved the major problem. We still need to get that amendment and modification and it's working it's way through the regulatory agencies. There's other ones we are working on but they're not navigation dredging Trunk River we are expanding that permit and some other water quality permits.

J Thomas – Any follow up on Rand's Canal?

G Fraser - Have not heard or had follow up with Jay Miller understands they are reorganizing dredge permits regarding Rands Canal.

- **Renewal of the Comprehensive 10 year permit**

G Fraser - Pending final figures from WHG who did the original 10 year permit, we're going to propose approx. \$50,000. for the permitting and engineering required to renew the permits. That will include all the other permits that we're working on at this time. The Capital Budget request will be for a total of \$150,000. with \$100,000. for inlet dredging and \$50,000. going toward 2022 10 year comprehensive renewal. Army Corps of Engineers is backed up by 18 months, we should file in early 2021 to allow it time to go through all the regulatory agencies. Assuming it passes in town meeting capital budget, we can start that process.

This is engineering tech services so no need to send out for bid. WHG has all the information needed to do the job efficiently. Will pass all the information on to the Asst. Town Manager to be sure this is the way he wants to proceed.

- **Committee Election (if Required)**

J Thomas - New Fiscal Year. Committee membership has not changed, No new runners for Chairman and Vice Chairman

Current Chairman and Vice Chairman

J Voci - Appoint Current Chair members for the next fiscal year

D Shearer - 2nd

Vote on Current Chairman and Vice Chairman - unanimous

- **Deferred Committee Action to Develop Town Dredging Priority List**

J Thomas - re-schedule virtual meeting for developing this list.

K King - Started a spreadsheet will continue and share at the next meeting

M Kinney - Need to cover needs of the whole town dredging as well as WB

J Thomas - Will target a date in mid August to meet before scheduled August 5th meeting

- **Member Comments**

K King - Pot hole in Woods Hole ramp has been fixed. Sent Thank you email to DPW

When will construction of West Falmouth Ramp to begin?

G Fraser - We got local approval. The plan triggered additional filing with the state because of the expansion over the old ramp. We had that meeting today, comments were positive. No real issues were brought up. We along with Army Corp of Engineers, are waiting for the state approval.

K King - There are no port a potty's at public landings in town. Any plan to change this?

G Fraser - Has been discussed but like dumpsters they get extensively overused and during Covid 19 they will need to be extensively cleaned.

M Kinney - To Gregg, 2 Dredgers in town, started then stopped and switched during use, why?

G Fraser - I may have been a mechanical problem

D Shearer - New West Falmouth Ramp will be appreciated

G Fraser - MES Capital Budget is due end of July. Will be adding some embayment projects, we have multiple projects that we need to plan for. Problem area's are the interior of Great Pond, an area in Megansett Harbor, Rands Canal and Waquoit. All need a special funding source they should go into the capital budget along with anything else we might need. Told not to file stand along warrant articles. We need to plan early for extensive dredging projects.

J Thomas - Even more reason why we need to meet.

M Kinney - When do we need to present this to the town administrator,

G Fraser - The last Friday of this month.

M Kinney - Ok

- **Set next meeting date**

Wednesday August 5, 2020

Motion: K King, 2nd M Kinney to adjourn at 7:39 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paula Cushman