

**WATERWAYS COMMITTEE  
MARINA BUILDING  
JULY 10, 2019  
7:00PM**

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

**Members Not Present:** Chuck Martinsen, Dan Shearer

**Guests Present:** John Elder, Lisa Cavanaugh, Susan Gilbert, Spenser Duftin

**Meeting Called to Order @ 7:005pm**

**Minutes of June 5, 2019**

**MOTION:** M Kinney, 2<sup>nd</sup> C Eastman to approve the minutes as written.

**UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

**New Member:** Joe Voci was appointed to fill the vacancy of Arthur Hawks. Term expires June 30, 2022.

**Harvey Russell:** Mr. Russell emailed the harbor master today indicating he had a medical issue and could not attend the meeting tonight. No action taken

**2018 Massworks Dredge Update:** State agreed to extend the grant due to the problems encountered with the County Dredge. The town expects the money for Eel River Extension and Falmouth Inner to be sent to the treasurer soon. The county has scheduled both of the dredge projects for just after Columbus Day 2019.

**2019 Massworks Dredge Update:** The award announcement has not been made yet by the state, should have the information for the next meeting in August.

**Public Comments:**

John Elder distributed an email from Chris Dunn (Exhibit 071019-1) A brief discussion took place regarding the efforts to move forward with dredging a section of the Bay. Additional soundings will be taken to get a better understanding of dredging needs of the bay.

Lisa Cavanaugh discussed the situation at Eel River West, specifically the erosion taking place on the west side as you pass the Yacht Club. She indicated she felt dredging was causing the issue. The dredging in question took place north of the area she was concerned with, Eel River Channel Extension. As mentioned, dredging of the shoal is scheduled for this fall. She asked about the status of the state grant (\$30,000) to study the potential impacts of removing a portion of Washburn's in an attempt to slow the water velocity and possibly reduce the erosion. The grant was not town sponsored so we did not have an answer as to the current status of the grant or funding. The committee recommended she reach out to Selectmen Doug Brown and Rep. Vieira's Office for more information.

**MOTION:** M Kinney, 2<sup>nd</sup> K King to add West Falmouth Boat Ramp review to agenda.

**UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Gregg showed the committee the currently plans dated May 7, 2019. The plan calls for a new ramp slightly longer and has launching floats on the north side of the ramp. The committee briefly discussed and had no issues. Gregg will sign the NOI and begin the permitting process.

**Member Comments:**

Kevin King said everyone likes the new Eel Pond Woods Hole floats. He asked if the town would consider adding an additional float to the end to extend the dinghy area and prevent dinghies from blocking part of the transient docking face. Gregg will check with ConCom to see if that would be considered a minor modification. Also, would be subject to funding and priorities as other floats in town are currently on the replacement list.

M Kinney brought up the new paper article indicating Doug Jones was talking again about Falmouth operating its own dredge. It was noted the cost would be prohibitive and the real issue is the TOY restrictions not the dredge availability.

J Thomas stated several people had asked him if he would request a “no wake” buoy off of Teaticket Path as many boaters from the river power up once they reach the open pond. Gregg will take a look, in the past when one was there the town routinely heard they though it marked no wake in the river and therefore by implication they could go fast in the pond.

**Next Meeting:** August 7, 2019

**MOTION:** M Kinney, 2<sup>nd</sup> C Eastman to adjourn at 8:05  
**UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gregg Fraser