

## **WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MARINA BUILDING August 19, 2020 Virtual Zoom Mid-Month Meeting 7:00PM**

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

**Members Not-Present:** Chuck Martinsen

**Guests Present:** Matt Mattson, John-David Thomas, Rick Wedge, Carl Kammerer, Molly Kammerer, Susan Carey, Michael Mastria Scaife, Peter Walsh, John Eldert, Alison Ferrante, Jay Gallagher, Brad Cole, Maureen York, Mark Lawhorne, Edward Martin,

Call to Order: Quorum present open Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Two Part Agenda;

1. Complete the list of all Falmouth dredging past and future sites
2. Prioritize dredging sites – including scope of impact of each area

Articles to be added to minutes;

- Dredging Definitions – Presented by J Thomas, showing Approaches, inlets and embayment's.
- Dredging Time Restrictions
- New Dredging Project Timeline
- List of Dredge Sites
- Public Input and Comments Submitted; Letters and Photo's Attached
  - Fresh River – John Mullen
  - Megansett Inner Harbor - Molly Kammerer, Rick Wedge
  - Megansett Harbor – Brian and Jane Crowley
  - Megansett Harbor and Rands Canal – John J. Gallagher
  - Perch Pond – Peter Walsh
  - Waquoit Bay – Chris Dunn, John Eldert
  - West Falmouth Harbor – Daniel Shearer

Member Comments;

- Fresh Pond – Considered water quality and maintained by DPW.
- Megansett Inner/Outer Harbor and Rands Canal – All are on the WWC list to consider for dredging.
- Perch Pond – Historically difficult to get permitting because of its productive shellfish habitat.
- Waquoit Bay – Considered as an area that needs to be addressed and should permit the entire area and dredge what is needed.
- West Falmouth Harbor – Has been dredged in the past but now falls under the Wetlands Protection Act and local Bylaws protecting the potential for Eel grass. There is no permit in place at this time.

Public Questions;

Matt- How far the Megansett inlet travel? County has maps showing line.

Rick Wedge – Help us understand what goes into permitting, cost? Before permitting you need an engineering study, funding, site for spoils and then you have state, local and Army corps of Engineering permit for everything.

John-David Thomas-Would like Bournes Pond approach to be added to the dredge list. Dredging will take place when new bridge is installed by DPW.

Molly Kammerer – What is the best site for accessing Eel grass mapping? Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. <https://www.mass.gov/guides/eelgrass-mapping-project>

Committee to agree on compiling comprehensive list

K King – Add Perch Pond to list and add column for annual county dredge projects, which includes FI, GP, GRN, BP and Eel River Approach. –

G Fraser - Falmouth is eligible for 3 town wide State Waivers for inlet dredging yearly – Issued between Nobska Light and Point Gammon Light in Yarmouth, MA.

Committee reviews and revises the list of dredge site spread sheet.

Agrees to separately create their own priority list, compile and compare at their next meeting.

Guests Questions;

Molly – Can we get waivers for embayment's? Because of TOY restrictions, waivers are for inlets.

Matt- What are defined as "South Facing Inlets?" Vineyard Sound Side, which includes; Falmouth Harbor, Great Pond, Green Pond, Bourne Pond and EEL Pond.

Molly – Can Meg. Harbor get credit for not being dredged since the 50's? No money was allocated because no permits were issued.

John – Is Waquoit Bay a south facing harbor? It is south facing but does not require annual or biannual dredging, it's not prone to shoaling.

- Motion to adjourn
- Set next meeting date- September 2, 2020

Adjournment: Having no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Paula Cushman

Next Regular Meeting Wednesday September 2, 2020 7:00pm Virtual on Zoom