

## **Waterway Committee Meeting 180 Scranton Ave. Minutes 8-5-2020 – Remote Zoom Meeting**

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

**Members Absent**-Chuck Martinsen

**Guests Present**-Chris Dunn, John Elder of WBYC and Brad Cole of Falmouth Enterprise.

Call to Order: Quorum present meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

Public Comments: J Thomas acknowledges 3 guests

### **List of Documents presented at the meeting:**

- Review and approve minutes of 7/1/2020, add 2 missing documents from 3/4/2020 meeting.
- Dredge site table
- Letter from C&I to WBYC = To be added to WWC meeting 2-5-2020
- Letter meeting with WEBNERR= To be added to WWC meeting 7-10-2019
- WB 100219-1 = To be added to WWC meeting 10-2-2019

Motion: D Shearer, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Kinney Approve as written, unanimous.

- **Summer Dredging Projects Update**

G Fraser – Both Green Pond and Great pond where complete in this past spring. Both where done under time restriction waivers.

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

G Fraser – Current permit expires Feb. 2022; No action is needed at this time. 50k has been added to the fall capital request for the cost of filing state and local permits as well as the cost of a contractor. Once funding is in place, we can move forward. Army Corps of Engineers are running behind so they advised us to file permits in early 2021.

- **Waquoit Bay Dredging Discussion**

Committee concludes that there is an area that needs attention. Mashpee has not awarded a contractor but are moving forward with permitting a large portion of WB out to the Falmouth line. Mashpee's is running into issues with the disposal of material which is pushing up the cost. Costs include quote from C&I of 65k to be added to next year's request for supplemental funding. BSC did Mashpee's 10 yr. but have not yet been awarded the contract.

WB services Bosuns Marine and Little River Boat Yard, therefore the Governor's council may be available for funding if Mashpee and Falmouth combined as a joint application. Falmouth would need to establish funding and have permits in hand and catch up to Mashpee before applying. WBYC member J Elder pointed out that WBYC has spent money to survey the bottom of the bay and that Woods Hole Group has done the ground work to advance this project. Once funding is established it may advance to town meeting. Falmouth's finance dept. wants to use the improvement fund for larger projects,

therefore leaving only free cash and capital budget for funding. G Fraser assures this will go into the capital budget, but not until after next spring.

The committee needs to look at all the annual dredging projects, decide if WB is priority, if so, establish funding then decide whether is needs to be put onto the capital budget.

- Dredge site table = Introduced by J Thomas

G Fraser will supply K Kline with the past 5 years of dredging and their spoil locations. The Committee will meet mid-month to establish all the dredge area's and their priorities.

Mid-meeting set for August 19, 2020 – Agenda = Dredging Prioritizing

- **Member Comments**

D Shearer explains record weekend of 71 boats on West Falmouth's dingy dock.

C Eastman – Inflatables are becoming larger and more abundant

G Fraser – Boating has skyrocketed because of Covid, hopes that things will eventually return to normal, if not, we can consider installing more dingy docks or racks.

M Kinney – Inquires about a “No Wake” buoy in Green Pond

G Fraser – Signs only work for the people that follow them, there will always be rule breakers

G Fraser – We are investigating the new lighter, taller Gillman Buoys for WB

K Kline – Woods Hole Outhauls upgraded tackle

J Thomas – Mid-Meeting set for August 19, 2020 at 7:00pm

Next Meeting Set for Wed. Sept. 2, 2020 7:00 pm

Motion: C Eastman, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Shearer to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by,

Paula Cushman