

Town of Falmouth Massachusetts - **Amended**
Waterways Committee Minutes
Wednesday DATE- 7:00pm - In Person Meeting
790 Main St. 2nd Floor Room 1 - Gus Canty Recreation Center

Members present: Joe Voci (Chairman), Kevin King (Vice Chairman), Chuck Eastman, Wayne (Rocky) Geyer, Rick Hill, and - Paula Cushman (Recording Secretary)

Members not present: C. Martinsen, Gregg Fraser (Harbormaster)

Guests: Molly Kammerer, Hila Lyman, Trish Carr, John Eldert, Steve Ballo, Dave Thompson, Don Carpenter, David Morreale, Noelle Annonen (Falmouth Enterprise), Doug Brown-Select Board.

Public Comments (Items not on the agenda, no discussions): None

Review and approve the minutes of June 5, 2024

MOTION by Chuck Eastman, 2nd Kevin King, to approve minutes as printed. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Waquoit Bay member tour results

K King – Committee discusses the movement of #2 red buoy on the entrance. Was given the contact information of the aids to navigation team captain of Woods Hole. Was also told it may be delayed due to staffing and mechanical issues. R Geyer – Add a light to the east jetty, a red buoy as you approach the east side and a green light on the north end of the west jetty. The committee will put together their needs for the Harbormaster to review.

J Eldert supplies a map of the town line between Mashpee and Falmouth.

<https://www.falmouthma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16884/WB-ACEC-1979>

J Eldert asks the committee to review the letter from the Harbormaster.

<https://www.falmouthma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16882/2024-06-10-Fraser-Eldert-ltr>

The committee discusses the assessment and the approval of DCR to put the spoils on Washburn Island. D Brown suggests reaching out to WBNERR for help with placement of the spoils. The committee agrees to communicate with WHG of a timeline of the assessment of our options and the chemical analysis.

- Eel River Spit Dredging at Washburn's – discussion of plan & funding

J Voci and G Fraser have been in contact with Tonna-Marie Rogers, the Waquoit Bay Reserve Manager. She set up an internal review, called a "Green Docket" to review the dredging options as well as ask the DCR to install "No Docking" signage on the north side of the spit. The committee discussed different options and the path to move forward. J Voci is planning an in-person meeting with Tonna-Marie.

Molly Kammerer, acting co-administrator of Megansett Squeteague Assoc. presents to the committee.

<https://www.falmouthma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16883/20240710PresentationtoFWC1-12>

She asks the committee to subsidize the removal, replacement and maintenance of the 6 pilings and the cable's that support the out haul's in Megansett Harbor. They agree to take this into consideration.

Added - <https://www.falmouthma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17018/202405Megansett-Dinghy-Dock-Outhaul-System-FWCpresentation>

Member Comments – None

Harbormaster Update, 7/10/24 – Read by J Voci

- Eel River Alternative Channel, no status change, Called WHG for update on chemical analysis.
- Megansett Approach, no status change. Called WHG for update.
- CZM Grant for Washburn's Cut Back being finalized (big project of 350'), deadline is July 19th
Note Beach Committee also filing under the same grant program.
- New no anchorage signage installed on Washburn's tip by DCR. The meeting is pending for onsite visit to discuss access to Washburn's for dredging operation. (Will be subject to fall town meeting funding and county dredge availability prior to 1/15/25)
- New floats for Megansett will be installed when DPW and Shultz can schedule.
- Wild Harbor dredging under western float. Waiting for DPW and Shultz to schedule.
- Augusta family and Falmouth Lumber gift of a final float for the Green Pond dinghy dock received, thank you letter sent.
- New bid specifications and documents approved by Town Counsel and forwarded to Cape & Islands Engineering. Planning on bidding in August/Sept for a late fall planned construction time frame.
- Bidding specifications and documents are being prepared for Simpson's Landing Bulkhead.
- Waiting for engineers to update the Great Harbor Commercial Dock. New estimate of cost exceeded budget and funding mechanisms are being explored. (Cost may now exceed the original estimate by 2 million dollars.

Next Meeting: – August 7, 2024, 7:00 pm – Has been adjusted to August 14, 2024, 7:00pm - Gus Canty

Adjournment: MOTION: adjourn at 20:41

Respectfully Submitted, By Paula Cushman