WATERWAYS COMMITTEE Zoom Meeting February 3, 2021 7:00PM

Members Present: Jeff Thomas (Chair), Mike Kinney (V-Chair), Joe Voci, Kevin King, Dan Shearer, Gregg Fraser, Chuck Eastman and recording secretary; Paula Cushman

Members Not-Present: Chuck Martinsen

Guests Present: Sanders Davies, Chris Dunn, Peter Giacomozzi, Steve Ballo, Carol and Dave Thompson, Jacqueline Dufresne, Brad Cole, John Eldert, Debbie Scott, Mrs. Woods, Stuart McLeod, David Diamond and Dennis Flaherty

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

Public Comments- None

Presented Documents:


Minutes: Review and approve minutes from January 6, 2021

MOTION: Committee to accept the minutes of January 6, 2021, as amended with clerical error on Sanders Davies name. Unanimously Voted

- Harbormaster Report
  G Fraser - Upper Cape Tech is planning on building the delayed floats of last year, we expect delivery in May of 2021. Cuttyhunk Marine completed the piling and float work done on the Green Pond boat ramp. They moved one piling and added another. We plan to refurbish the floats from the inner harbor and add them to the Green Pond dinghy dock. This work was all funded by a generous gift from Steve August and the Augusta Family. I recently received updated information from Mashpee and Woods Hole Group regarding Waquoit Bay, I will report once I review them.
  Paper mooring bills have been sent with a due date of February 26, 2021. Payments received after that date, are subject to demand fees.

- Review of Draft Proposed Dinghy Regulations –
  Goal: “To establish a regulation in order to effectively utilize public access to the water over town land by controlling the size and types of vessels placed upon these ways. This regulation also limits the timeframe in which vessels will be permitted to remain in the areas, requiring annual removal.”

  The Conservation committee plans to educate and communicate the dinghy regulations through advertising. We hope to have an adopted plan in place by November 2021, stating all dinghies under 12’ in length, that reside on town land, must have identification stickers and be removed over the winter months, November to April. This regulation does not apply to watercraft on floating docks, or dinghies on private property; however, they still must follow conservation committee regulations. Coast Guard approved owner identification stickers can be found at the Harbormasters office and should be applied to all watercraft including ones on town floating docks. DPW will assist in the removal of abandoned watercraft.
  The dinghy rack plans were taken from the town of Mashpee and once built are scheduled to be placed in high priority area’s such as Green Pond, Wild Harbor and Waquoit Bay.

- Member Comments
  M Kinney – Do we have a schedule for south side annual dredging?
  G Fraser — The surveys are done in April, waivers are expected for Green Pond and Great Pond because of annual shoaling. The surveys will confirm that.

- Waquoit Bay Embayment and Inlet Dredging Project Status Updates
  o Review First Pass at Detailed Project Schedule
  o Project Sub Task Team Organization and Status
RFP Engineering Work – G Fraser - G Fraser spoke to Woods Hole Group to narrow down scope of area of RFP to cover. Need to determine disposal area before we apply for permitting. Working with Mashpee, their Great River Channel project is similar to ours where their material is not likely to be beach compatible because of the high silt levels, so they have reached out to an individual in the town of Barnstable who has used upland disposal. Woods Hole Group is familiar with Barnstable’s project and will explore using that site as well as de watering bags, or building a structure to de water spoils. This will not be a county dredge project; it will be private. Will be focusing on disposal of spoils in order to move forward.

Dredging spoils = J Vose – Scheduled to meet next week.

- J Voci- will lead a team that will work on alternative ideas as back up.
  - Stakeholder Outreach Status
  - J Thomas - WEBNERR outreach and WBYC briefing
  - J Thomas – Will present to shellfish Advisory committee, Water Quality Management Committee will allow a spot-on their agenda on Wednesday February 24, 2021 and will meet with Conservation Commission Administrator.

Peter Giacomozzi – Former Falmouth finance committee member, will be working on financing of the WBYC project.

**Sanders Davies of WBYC presents:** Time line of WB dredging project.  

**Timeline Development**
- Scoping Definition Timeline Implications
- Spoils Disposition Timeline Implications
- Falmouth Budgeting Time Constrains
- Engineering and Permitting Time Constraints
- Contracting Time Constraints
- Time of Year (TOY) Constrants


Members agree that this project presentation timeline works only if everything falls into place. It also must compete with all other waterway capital budget projects.

- **Project Scope Discussion**
  - J Thomas – presents maps of WB.  

Members review the NOAA charts from 2010 with navigational aids.

- Maps are not to scale – Scope to contain all highlighted areas
- Orange = Channel from Mashpee
- Yellow= Embayment navigational channel
- Blue = Between the jetties.
- Red = Beyond jetties, into the bay area. (problem area)

2010 Dredge was Inlet project was proposed but denied by Conservation Commission.  
2014 Dredge – area shown in blue.  
M Kinney- Did we dredge in 2014?  
G Fraser- No, Conservation Commission turned down the request, we appealed to the DEP and won a superseding order of conditions, but still need conservation commission approval.  
G Fraser – We need to concentrate on the Red area, that was the problem in the past.  
K King -We should involve both Falmouth and Mashpee’s Shellfish Constable and the Shellfish advisory committee.

- Eel River West Project Strategy and Status
  - G Fraser - I reached out to Steve McKenna of Coastal Zone Management, he agrees that this inlet meets the criteria for a coastal resiliency grant.  CZM can apply for a grant to fund a study of the inlet in late spring early summer.  CZM is familiar and comfortable with grant writing due to two similar studies they recently completed for the town of Chatham. The company that assisted in the grant writing for Chatham is also interested in assisting Falmouth. The study should show coastal resiliency and what can be done to the inlet to solve all its problems.
  - CZM would be paid through the grant, so no funding is needed.
  - G Fraser - Will work with engineering group and assisting him with project.
  - G Fraser has notified the finance director who is in support.
  - J Thomas – Does the grant have a deadline? – G Fraser – Requirements will be given once permitting is submitted.

**Next Meeting Date** – March 3, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm - Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Paula Cushman