

Town of Falmouth Massachusetts
Waterways Committee Minutes
Wednesday September 6, 2023 - 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, Mike Kinney, Wayne (Rocky) Geyer, Gregg Fraser (Harbormaster) and Paula Cushman (Recording Secretary)

Members not present: C. Martinsen,

Guests: Joe Myerson Cataumet MSA, Laura and Chris Klint Cataumet MSA, Stach and Peggy Szuplat E. Falmouth SSAI, Sandy Davies WBYC, John Eldert WBYC, Judy Roth E. Falmouth, Margaret Islayan E. Falmouth, and Rebecca Flynn E. Falmouth.

Public Comments: Joe Meyerson, Cataumet Resident, shows pictures of his sailboat grounded in Squeteague harbor - his boat Draws 3.5 feet, he discusses the changes and the safety issue with the depth of the channel for boater's and kids jumping into the water. Rebecca Flynn – Introduces petition wants help with western most point of Washburn Island.

Minutes of June 6, 2023

MOTION by Mike Kinney, 2nd Kevin King, to approve minutes as printed. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

- **Update on Town –MSA MOU for Megansett Dredge Permits (Engineering & Permitting)**
No action on Megansett Approach until ACOE's Issues 10-year renewal permit- Will delay the Comp permit.
- **Update Waquoit Bay Spoil disposal, new scope of services and contract pending.**
Woods Hole Group is working on the feasibility study and recommendation of where the spoils can be distributed. This will allow the inlet to be added to the comp permit.

- **Review and update 2022 dredge priority list**

<https://www.falmouthma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14343/draft-only-priority-list-april-5-2023>

Committee updates W Geyer, the new committee member, on how they determined the grading system, taking into consideration cost, need and placement of spoils. They agree that he should have a copy of the original dredge list and add his recommendations to the updated version.

https://www.falmouthma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8929/dredging-priority-list-final-12_02_2020

- **Review and vote 2024 Slip Fee changes and Recommendations**

Harbormaster explains that updated GFI breakers are needed at the marina to bring them up to code.

<https://www.falmouthma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15041/2024-Fee-changes>

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

- **Harbormaster Updates**

1. I attended the ACOE's meeting held on 9-5-23, The representative for the 4 towns, Falmouth, Barnstable, Yarmouth and Bourne, is ok with pulling FI from the permit, but advised waiting until the date is established. Harwich's permit was just issued after 4 years with more restrictions on Horseshoe crabs TOY.
2. Capital Requests – All approved to go to Fin Com except 150K for inlet dredging \$. Account balances are currently high enough to cover projects in 23/24,'
3. Seaport Grant applicant for Simpson's complete, deadline for filing is 1/1/24 - \$344,000.
4. Seaport Grant applicant for Great Harbor Woods Hole Dock to be filled in sprint May 2024- phase 2 construction money.
5. Seaport Grant applicant for Marina building remodel/expansion to be filed fall of 2024 (Architectural and Engineering \$) Lack of Restrooms, more user friendly for marina park and boaters.
6. The new boat construction is ahead of schedule, should be completed by the end of this month.
7. West Falmouth ramp to start end of Sept. beginning of October.

- **Member Comments**

K King shares a list of organizations that aid the ACOE's for regional sediment management. They work with ACOE's on how to use and maintain sediments.

W Geyer can we assist boaters with aids to navigation of best water? G Fraser all ATON's are adjusted accordingly and need to be permitted through the Coast Guard. We have approx. 45. W Geyer shares an image from 2018, an arial view of harbors. Discusses ATONS in the current river of Megansett and ERW, different options to help boaters find "best" water.

Adjournment: MOTION: adjourn at 19:44 - UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Next Meeting: – October 4, 2023, 7:00 pm – 790 Main St. 2nd Floor Room 1 - Gus Canty Rec. Center

Respectfully Submitted, By Paula Cushman