

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 5:30pm
Meeting held remotely via Zoom platform

In Attendance: Jeff Canha, John Packer, Greg Martino, Paul Munafo, Michael Baptiste, Matt Hobart, Roger Moffat

Also Present: John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Kim Elias, Leslie Fields, Jo Wild, Ray Gale, Bob Landreth, Melinda Loberg, Doug Reece, Bev Potsaid, Lynn Fracker, Noah Mayrand, James Rogers, Jay Grande, Jeff Kristal and Larry Gomez.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Matt Hobart made a motion and Michael Baptiste seconded to approve the minutes of **12/09/2020 Approved** (5-2 abstain) Paul Munafo made a motion and Michael Baptiste seconded to approve the minutes of **12/14/2021 Approved** (5-2 abstain)

- 2) **Chair Opened up meeting for Discussion Items:**

Woods Hole Group: Leslie Fields gave a presentation with respect to the Lake Tashmoo Channel Dredge. With the contract executed with the Town of Edgartown at a rate of \$7,500 per day for 18 days they were able to dredge approximately 1800 linear feet. The dewatering basin was set up on the Town Beach (east) and used a revetment to build up the beach area. 750 ft went to the Land Bank and beyond. Material was deposited via road to Land Bank property and enhanced dunes and pathways. The Lake Street Landing Dredge was completed with a total of 930 sq ft. dredged. Ms. Fields apologized in making an error in dredging a portion that was considered improvement which was not permitted. Once error was realized it was immediately reported to the State and a resolution to the error in in process. Woods Hole Group continue work on wrapping all Waterways into one comprehensive 10 year permit for the Town. She stated that this would also aid in alleviating any possible errors moving forward. The post dredge survey for the channel was completed and sent to committee members and are available to the public on the Harbormaster section on the Town's website. The post dredge survey for the Lake Street Bulkhead will be conducted within a week and survey result will be forwarded when completed. Leslie Field was asked to attend the February meeting to bring the committee up to speed regarding the permit process.

Public Comment Declaration (second part): The Chair asked the Committee if they wanted to remove the second part of the declaration for public comment so as not to limit the public on agenda items at the beginning of the meeting. After some discussion it was decided to leave the declaration as is for the time being.

Harbor Use Permit Application: Jo Wild has made an application for Harbor Use to use the Town's Waterways for pick up and drop off for his customers hiring his touring vessel. After discussion John Packer made a motion which was seconded by Matt Hobart to recommend approval of the Harbor Use Permit provided all other requirements set by the Town have been met. **Approved (7-0)**

Waterways Regulations – Phase 1: Chair gave an update on the recommended changes to the Waterways Regulations. In order to keep the regulations moving along he proposed to break down the recommended changes in the three phases. Phase 1 was presented as a cleanup of the first section of the regulations. He proposed that Phase 2 could be discussed in February and Phase 3 in March. In addition, some changes in the Shellfish regulations could be discussed at the February meeting. There was lengthy discussion regarding the process and understanding where the changes were made. It was pointed out that at the last Public Hearing regarding the changes it was requested by the Select Board that it be brought back in legislative format and that the changes should be tracked. Matt Hobart offered to make a short presentation of the changes at the next committee meeting to bring new members up to speed. Kim Elias will contact Town Administrators office for a word format of the current regulation and make edits showing the recommended changes in legislative format and tracking. Chair will continue to move forward with Phase 2, Mooring Section.

Harbor Department Warrant Articles and Budget: John Crocker presented the budget and warrant articles. He explained that the only major change is adding an article and budget line item for one additional full-time staff member. When asked if he needed any support any item, John asked for full support on the additional staff member who would support both Harbor and Shellfish Departments. He anticipates that this will be a collective bargaining unit position and would have to go through Union and Management process.

Shellfish Department Warrant Articles and Budget: Danielle Ewart presented the budget and warrant articles. She explained that there was not much difference than previous years except for the need for a new Truck. Current vehicle is 9 years old and will no longer pass inspection.

Harbormaster Updates: John asked that the Committee consider a future agenda item to look at developing a criterion for approved Mooring Inspectors.

Shellfish Constable Updates: Danielle will be presenting a water quality/shellfish ten year comparison at the next committee meeting.

Other Business: None

There was a motion to adjourn which was seconded
The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Future Agenda Items: Woods Hole Group to February meeting.