

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
REVISED MINUTES**

Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 5:00pm

In Attendance: Jeff Canha, Greg Martino (via Zoom), Michael Baptiste, John Packer, Roger Moffat, and Matt Hobart

Also Present: John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Kim Elias, Colleen Wilson, Lynne Fraker, Jason Robertson, Bob Landreth, Mitch Pachico, Glen Pachico, Anna Fay Lawton, Jorga Derby, Melinda Loberg and Peter Guest.

- 1) **Call to Order at 5:00pm:** Jeff Canha took the chair.
- 2) **Public Comment:** Lynne Fraker asked that future dredging in Tashmoo be listed as a future agenda item.
- 3) **Minutes: John Packer made a motion and Greg Martino seconded to accept the minutes of June 9, 2022.** (Voted 3-2)
The September 15, 2022, minutes were tabled pending correction.

- 4) **Shellfish Constable – 2022, scallop season, areas, and dates:** Danielle Ewart presented the Committee with 2022 openings as follows:

Lagoon Pond -	Not opening
Outside the Ponds And the Harbor	Saturday November 5 th Family Monday November 7 th Commercial
Lake Tashmoo No Dragging	Saturday November 19 th Family Monday November 21 st Commercial

The committee heard comments from Jason Robinson who stated that he saw adult scallops and that by closing he saw no benefit to anyone, Glen Pachico with respect the size and quantity currently in the lagoon and did not see the benefit of closing the lagoon as it was felt that there were plenty of adult scallops. He also suggested putting seed in areas outside of the pond. In addition, it was questioned as to why the Town does not work with Oak Bluffs and coordinate same opening dates and quantity of scallops allowed. Danielle explained that she had looked at several areas and had only found mostly juvenile shellfish and very few adults, that in her opinion she felt is necessary to close to preserve future brood stock. John Packer suggested opening to dip netting from a boat or diving/snorkeling in the Lagoon. There was further discussion regarding working with the commercial fishermen to go out together and do a tow in the lagoon and to determine if there might be some middle ground or compromise in opening the area for

scalloping for a short period of time. Jason Robinson offered to work with Danielle. **After further discussion Matt Hobart made a motion and John Packer seconded to recommend to the Select Board that “After discussing the 2022, Scallop Season, Areas and Dates the Shellfish Constable and Commercial Fishermen work together to assess the true nature of the stock in Lagoon Pond and bring their findings to the Select Board Meeting on October 26, 2022”**

(Voted 6-0)

- 5) **Agenda Management Guideline revision:** Jeff Canha presented the agenda management guidelines as stated by Jay Grande, Town Administrator. Jeff Canha suggested making some revisions, there was discussion and **after discussion John Packer made a motion and Michael Baptiste seconded to recommend the Waterways Committee Agenda Guidelines as prepared by Jay Grande, Town Administrator, as stated except that the meetings will convene at 5:00 pm.**
(Voted 6-0)
- 6) **Owen Park Pier Design, permitting, any changes in funding, current estimated cost:** John Crocker presented an update of the pier design. The plan had gone to conservation committee and has been approved with an order of condition. He had spoken with the engineer and part of the condition was a revised plan. Chapter 91 permitting will be submitting shortly. There was discussion regarding ADA accessibility. John explained the plan included adding a transfer bridge to the dinghy floats and allowing an area designated for dock to vessel access. He also explained a widening of the T at the end of the dock and adding a Harbor Kiosk too with phone, computer and radio to make the Harbor Operation more efficient. John Crocker will bring the revised plan to the committee once it has been completed. Total funds currently set aside by the town is \$420,000 to meet the grant match when applied for. It is anticipated that permits will be in place in a year and that it is that the Town will be seeking grant funding through the Seaport Economic Council.
- 7) **Tashmoo Management Plan:** Lynne Fraker presented a cost analysis prepared by Steve Ewing together with a sketch plan of the dinghy reconfiguration. Anticipated cost of project was estimated to be \$65,000. John Packer suggested to take in account the prevailing wage for labor to complete the project and suggested that the cost would probably be closer to a minimum \$100,000. She said that she would like to have a shot of permitting the project and that she would like to start the process with Paul Munafo. Lynne Fraker said she had a positive conversation with the Open Space Committee and maybe interested in adding an additional Kayak Racks. Danielle indicated that she had questions with respect to Eel Grass and shellfish concerns and suggested to put it in deeper water. Jeff Canha suggested that more information needed to be gathered before bringing it to the Select Board and be discussed further at the next Waterways Committee Meeting.
- 8) **Elect new committee positions (chair, vice-chair, sec):**

**John Packer made motion and Michael Baptiste seconded to elect Matt Hobart as Chair
(Voted 6-0)**

**John Packer made a motion and Michael Baptiste seconded to elect Paul Munafo as vice-chair
(Voted 6-0)**

**Matt Hobart made a motion and Michael Baptiste seconded to elect Kim Elias as secretary
(Voted 6-0)**

John Packer made a motion and Matt Hobart seconded to adjourn at 6:29pm (Voted 6-0)

Documents:

Draft minutes June 9 and September 15, 2022

Tashmoo Dinghy Dock Sketch Plan

Estimate from Steve Ewing for Tashmoo Dinghy Dock

Waterways Committee Charge 9/29/2020 draft and signed copy

Waterways Committee Management Guideline

Open Government Legislative Update – Serial Communication

Shellfish Department Bay Scallop Season 2022

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Ch.91 Owen Park Pier rendered drawing