

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

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

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

**Also Present:** John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Kim Elias, Lynne Fracker, Bob Landreth, Ray Gale and Doug Reece.

**1) Call to Order:** Jeff Canha opened the meeting.

**2) Public Comment:** None.

**3) Elect Chair and Vice Chair:** Paul Munafo made a motion and Roger Moffat seconded to nominate Jeff Canha as and Chair and Matt Hobart as Vice-Chair. Paul Munafo suggested hiring an independent secretary to record minutes and take on administrative duties. John Packer suggested term limits. John Packer made a motion and Greg Martino seconded to nominate Matt Hobart as Chair. After further discussion the first motion remained on the table to elect Jeff Canha as Chair and Matt Hobart as Vice-Chair. **(Voted 2 abstain/3 Aye/2 Nay)**

Paul Munafo made a motion and Matt Hobart seconded for Kim Elias to remain as Secretary  
**(Voted 7-0)**

**4) Shellfish Constable:**

**Discussion: Dates for Scallop Season:** Danielle Ewart explained to the committee that she did not expect a good scallop season. As well as not a lot of seed left from last season, the reason for this was based on water temperature, boat traffic, Human traffic, and nitrogen among other things. She also explained the anticipated poor season seems to be island wide.

After discussion: the following dates were suggested for Scallop Season

No Dragging in Lake Tashmoo  
November 13 - Lagoon Recreational  
November 15 – Commercial Lagoon  
November 20 – Recreational Tashmoo  
December 6 – Commercial Tashmoo  
Nov 7 – Outside the Ponds

Further discussed was the possibility of recommending the Select Board with respect to close scallop fishing this season. The committee asked Ms. Ewart to investigate other ways for a better

grow out methods or alternative to grow seed. Waterways Committee will discuss further at the October 16 meeting before making recommendation to the Select Board.

**Discusison: \$15,000 DMP recreational saltwater grant proposals:** Committee discussed a proposal put forward by Ray Gale, using \$15,000 in grant funds to move the Tashmoo Dinghy Floats to create easier access for recreational fishermen. John Crocker explained that he did not think that the project would assist recreational fishermen in anyway and explained that permitting would be needed and the cost of the project would be more than the grant funds. He explained that he had also had a conversation with the granting authority who agreed that in their opinion the project would not create better access for recreational fishermen. Jeff Canha said he would personally call and follow up with grant organizer at DMF. Jeff Canha asked if anyone else had any ideas in which the grant funds could be used. John Packer suggested using funds to improve the car parking area at Herring Creek Road which would improve much needed access to the public beach for recreational fishing. John Crocker said that he would investigate the possibility further.

#### 5) Harbormaster:

**Private mooring leasing resolution update:** John Crocker explained that the Harbor Department is continuing to the work with the ACOE, has had discussions with one of their representative and had submitted a preliminary/draft application for review, although he thinks that they have been somewhat confused, and it has difficult to explain to them exactly what it is that needs to be achieved in terms of permitting. He anticipates a further conversation with them in the next few days and will continue to follow-up and work with them to get resolution. Mr. Canha opened the topic to the public. Lynne Fracker informed the committee that she has also had conversations with the ACOE and believes that they are not confused and that it was a matter of interpretation and feels that all will come to light and that there may be a lot more to come.

**Owen Park Pier RFP Update:** John Crocker reported that the recommendation from the Waterways Committee is on the Agenda for **the next Select Board meeting. (October 6, 2021)**

**Owen Little Way:** John Crocker explained that he did a walk though with DPW and Town Administrator to look at ways to improve the area. He reported that the Town's Open Space Committee have taken over the project. Currently the parking area has been enhanced and an access mat will be installed to aid those with disability/mobility issues. Natural Resource Department will be happy to assist if needed.

**Future Meetings:** Jeff Canha informed the committee that Vineyard Haven Harbor DCPC language will be an item on the next meeting Agenda. Future items will include Waterways Regulations, Amendments to the Shellfish Regulations and Aquaculture Regulations. Next meeting will be on October 14, 2021, at 5:30.

Greg Martino made a motion and Matt Hobart seconded to adjourn.

**(Voted 7-0)**