

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 5:30pm
Meeting held remotely via Zoom platform

In Attendance: Michael Baptiste, Matt Hobart, Jeff Canha, Greg Martino, Roger Moffat.

Also Present: John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Kim Elias, Alley McConnell, Barbara Kopens, Emma Green-Beach, Bob Landreth, Eric Litt, Nelson Sigelman, Melinda Loberg, Lynn Fraker.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Jeff Canha opened the meeting.
- 2) **Public Comment:** Lynne Fraker wanted to bring attention to upcoming meetings namely Conservation Committee meeting regarding NOI for the Owen Park Dock and Town Public hearing regarding Mooring Fees. She also asked that the Committee need to see the Warrant Articles and wanted to know how the Waterways Fund is being spent.
- 3) **Minutes:** Matt Hobart made a motion to accept the minutes of February 10, Greg Martino seconded. **(Voted 5-0)**
Matt Hobart made a motion to accept the minutes of February 24, Roger Moffat seconded **(Voted 4-1)**
- 4) **Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group – Lagoon Pond Eel Grass Propagation Project:**
Emma Green-Beach of MV Shellfish Group made a presentation regarding their Eel Grass Restoration efforts over the past few years and how they were heading in the future. The MV Shellfish Group are requesting a recommendation to the Select Board for them to create a designated 1-acre area just north of Hinds Point in Lagoon Pond as a designated scientific area as an eel grass growing area for a minimum of 5 years to continue their efforts to re-establish eel grass areas within the Tisbury Waterways. After discussion Greg Martino made a motion and Matt Hobart seconded to:
Recommend to the Select Board and Conservation Committee that the designated area for a Scientific Eel Grass study be approved, provided all other requirements (if any) are met by the Town **(Voted 5-0)**
- 5) **Tashmoo Pond Eel Grass Study:** Danielle Ewart informed the committee that she had a conversation with DMF and that the report on the survey that performed will be available at the next Waterways Committee meeting.
- 6) **Waterways Fee survey and recommendation:** Matt Hobart explained that he has been looking at other harbors including Chatham, Harwich, Edgartown, and Oak Bluffs. He said that that their rates all seemed competitive. After discussion, Greg Martino suggested that the creation of sub-committees to discuss topics such as waterways fees, various sections of the waterways regulations and other topics be discussed and formed at the next meeting.

- 7) Submission of transcribed draft version of Waterways Regulations by Eric Litt, received from Lynne Fraker and discuss and decide which draft regulations document shall be used moving forward:** Mr. Litt said that he had attended several meetings regarding the recommended changes to the regulations and spent some time reformatting the draft regulations to add more clarity to the working document. Any changes that he had made to the document were more administrative such as consolidating, adding appendices, table of contents, adding a waiver form, and documenting approvals. He did add a new definition. There was lengthy discussion regarding how to move forward with a new version and whether to start at the beginning with the new document to go through what was already discussed and voted on and then move forward to the regulations that had not yet been discussed. Matt asked that the committee pick one document at the meeting so that everyone was on the same page moving forward. **Matt Hobart made a motion and Greg Martino seconded a motion to take the document that Eric Litt has produced to start as a base line to work from.** (Voted 5-0)

- 8) CDC Removal of Indoor Mask Mandate – In person future meetings:** There was discussion regarding in person meetings. It was decided that any future meeting will be held in person if a meeting space is available. Greg Martino said he would speak to the Fire Chief to see if their training room was available for the next meeting.

Matt Hobart made a motion and Roger Moffat seconded to adjourn.

(Voted 5-0)