

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, June 18, 2021, at 5:30pm
Meeting held remotely via Zoom platform

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

Also Present: John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Kim Elias, Lynne Fracker, Ben Robinson, Jeff Kristal, Bob Landreth, Bev Potsaid, James Rogers, Jay Grande, Bob Carnie, and John Ramsey.

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

Public Comment: Bev Potsaid would like to address Dock and Safety issue as she has witnessed boats coming close to swimmers in the area and that consideration for swimmers should be considered for the new dock design. Henry Stephenson said he would like consideration to be taken when conversations commence regarding the new pier design to consider the swim area along the shore and make the area visually obvious for waterfront users. He also mentioned that Open Space and Recreation Committee might have some involvement.

2) Introduce John Ryder – Assistant Harbormaster for 2021 Season: John Crocker introduced John Ryder introduction to the Waterways Committee. John will be the Assistant Harbormaster for the 2021 season.

3) Minutes: Paul Munafo made a motion and Greg Martino seconded to approve the Minutes Roger Moffat seconded to approve the minutes 5/22/2021.

(Approved 6-1 abstain)

4) Presentation by Applied Coastal Engineering: A presentation was given by John Ramsey of Applied Coastal regarding a feasibility and conceptual design for coastal storm protection. Mitigation and flood protection plan involved the areas between the steamship authority and the RM Packer facility. It was explained that there had been a process of public outreach and meetings. Data was shared for the potential flooding examples of storms based on 10 year and 100-year storm data. The presentation also focused on the concept design of adding coarse grain material berms along the working waterfront and adding elevation to the Lagoon Pond Road area. After presentation Applied Coastal fielded questions from committee members, who expressed concerns regarding the conceptional design and the impact on the working waterfront. John Ramsey will provide a copy of the slide presentation to the Harbormaster, who will pass along to committee members.

5) Martino's Seafood, LLC – Aquaculture License Application: Greg Martino is looking for an aquaculture farm in the Lagoon to grow oysters and bay scallops. The application has been

submitted together with a five-year business plan. The area applied for is located between the Noah Mayrand site and Hustleton Head site. Shellfish Constable has some concerns and has had conversations with Greg Martino who stated that he would be willing to adjust the location if needed so long as it is in an area close to the proposed site. Greg would like to see a clear separation from the other permitted sites and would also be willing to dive the site. He stated that he will be happy to collaborate with the Shellfish Constable on site location for the application and resubmit it again in a month or so. No action was taken for recommendation to the Select Board at this meeting.

- 6) Update from Shellfish Constable on recent waterways closures to shellfishing:** Danielle Ewart gave a brief explanation regarding the recent DMF/NNSP document for which the Town has to comply. There has been some change based on moorings, marinas and number of boats located in different areas that classify some closures. In other areas such as the Lagoon there had been a change to downgrade an area to conditionally approved. Current changes have been posted on the Shellfish Constable website and signs and buoys are in the process of being deployed.
- 7) Own Park Pier – Preliminary professional concept drawings:** Committee Members was sent a preliminary concept drawing for pier replacement at Owen Park. Harbormaster met with Vineyard Land surveyors. Suggested making walkway 10 feet wide, making T at end of pier 70 feet, increasing the width of the T to accommodate a small building for use in the summer for phone, electricity etc. to run the mooring and dockage activities from that small building. No slips on the pier as this would decrease dockage. Looked at making dinghy floats a little longer and making a small transfer bridge to the floats. Would make sense to increase height of pier by 1st, and lastly to add electricity and lighting. It was recommended to change reference " the office" at end of the pier and to refer to it as a dock attendants kiosk.

Jeff Canha called for a motion to recommended to the Select Board to put a IFB for a qualified engineer for design, plan, permitting and cost analysis for the Owen Park Pier replacement. Paul Munafo made the motion and Matt Hobart seconded.

(Voted 7-0)

- 8) Leasing and Renting of Private Moorings -** Harbormaster will continue examine and review options there are for the Town and bring back to the Committee in the Fall. Jay Grande, Town Administrator and Counsel are working with Harbormaster.

John Packer made a motion and Greg Martino made a motion to adjourn.

(Voted 5-0)

Next Waterways Committee Meeting: To be determined