

Harbor Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2020

Present: Town Manager Jon Carter, Chairman Mike Caplan, Harbor Master Mike Yorke, Kate Mooney, Dave Harrison, Francis Dudley, Charlie Bashaw, Meeting Recorder Cinni Davidson

1. Welcome & attendance-Mike Caplan, Ch.
2. Old Business
 - Parking Committee: There will be 30 spaces and the Committee recommends the use of that area from 8 AM to 8 PM for marina parking. The stickers will have an M on them. The Committee will submit this to the Selectmen soon.
 - Harbor Road: The sidewalk will be on the south side and we have worked this out with IF&W. Fisherman's Catch has submitted plans for their parking, and they will have an outdoor bar in an old trolley.
 - Buoy Christmas tree: The students did a great job and it is attracting a lot of attention. The lights are coming off after the holiday season but the tree will stay there.
 - Picnic benches: We may be able to get a mooring holder to work with the Junior High students on this project.
 - Happy birthday to HM Mike Yorke

3. Harbor Master update
 - a. Update on Alternative Mooring Basin

This involves digging out in front of the marina toward the beach. Wright-Pierce is our consultant. IF&W won't let us touch the marsh grass. When the final calculation is done on the amount of material coming out, the next steps will be the permit and Letter of Intent for the SHIP Grant. Sand can go on the beach and gravel can go in the parking lot.

- b. Update on Water Injection Dredging (WID) and possible benefits to Wells

ACOE wants to know where the sand will go. The question is how far it will go, and we will be testing with colored sand. The unit for the boat is being built and Mike would like to test it in March. Engineer Bill Walsh is developing a scope of work for the experiment. Mike and his assistant are checking the police boats and he hopes to get them in the harbor by early March. The dredge season ends in April.

- c. Update on Army Corps Federal Dredge

The Currituck has left.

4. 2020 Boating season
 - a. Harbor Mooring Ordinance Amendment & Fee Change

The Selectmen approved this and violators got letters last week. Registered letters go out next and they have 14 days to pay or remove their vessel or it will be removed. If a vessel can't be removed because of snow, etc. Mike proposes charging \$30 per day as a transient vessel.

5. Friends of Wells Harbor Report—None

6. Shellfish Report

We have applied to use nets for the seeding this spring because of the problem with green crabs. A scientist is using Wells as a test site for seeding boxes which have worked well in other areas. Mike is now a member of the Clam Commission and would like to have students doing research at the clam shack.

7. Open to the Public—None

8. Review and acceptance of November 21, 2019 Minutes: approved unanimously.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 27 at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cinndi Davidson, Meeting Recorder

Accepted by,

Michael Caplan, Chairman