

Waterfront Committee Meeting Minutes May 9, 2023

Those present were: Susan, Dick, Frank, Ron, Dennis, Terry, Larry and Callie

Susan called the meeting to order at 5:01pm

The Committee reviewed the April 25 minutes.

Frank made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Seconded by Dick.

The Harbormaster reported the following:

\$98 has been collected in docking fees since the last meeting

The town moorings do not support boats larger than 25 feet, getting a quote to make changes to existing mooring to allow larger boats

A few mooring holders have expressed that the new launch fees should be included with the increased mooring permit fees

Launch fees will go into effect July 1 as planned, an application and sticker plan is in progress

Dennis reported to the committee the status of the boat launch ramps and seawall project. Met with the State, today, in regards to the recent grant application required review. The ramps are in need of serious repair which will require an engineering study. Will take approximately 1 year to complete the process, for now public works will do repairs to make the ramps usable and safe for the season. In the meantime research will be done into grant and funding opportunities. Timing for the seawall grant is June 2 however the opening of bids June 6.

Dick reported that the Virginia will be gone in two weeks.

Sailboat still has not had interest however needs to be moved by June 1st.

Don Davis presented to the Selectboard the plans for volunteer dock assistants this summer. The volunteers will not be allowed to accept money, Don will be creating a job description.

Susan discussed with the Committee the presentation on plans for the Pleasant Street Extension, the area that currently is parking towards White's Island, to add vegetation and plant life in place of the dirt allowing for limited parking at the end closest to Pleasant Street.

There was a discussion on the possibility of fuel at the waterfront. David, a member of the working group, shared that he has experience with the fuel at the airport and discussed the size and scope of fuel tanks. This is a project that the working group will continue to work on including funding opportunities as well as locations such as off of Birch Point Rd.

Frank moved to close the meeting, Susan seconded.

Adjourned at 5:33pm