

MINUTES OF WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2011

A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly called on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7:15 p.m. at Dartmouth Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Joseph Hannon. The following people were present: Roger Race and Gerald Hickey. Absent were Chris Hemingway, Gerald Clark, Warren Hathaway and Michael Gill. Also present was Mr. Steven Melo, Harbormaster. There was no quorum at the meeting so it was only an informational meeting. Four U-Mass students were present for a class assignment.

Mr. Hannon reviewed the agenda for the evening.

The minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2011 were tabled until the next meeting.

By-Law Revision Committee. Mr. Melo said that the overhaul of the by-laws and fines will be Article 22 sponsored by the Select Board and Waterways Committee. He said that the Select Board will make their recommendation from the floor. Mr. Melo said that the sponsors should recommend and speak on it, but he will be available for comment. He said that the article is exactly as presented by Atty. Brian Cruz. Mr. Hannon said he will speak with Mr. Cressman on this article and how it should be presented at Town Meeting.

RFP - Bids on Mooring Relocation. Mr. Melo said that it has been advertised with bids due October 28th. He has sent it to all the boatyards, mooring companies, etc. in the area. He said that the three local companies are aware of this but he is not sure if they are still interested in working together for this project. He feels that it should take up to six months to complete this project. Mr. Hickey would like to see it start soon. Mr. Melo said that after the bids are open, the WMC will discuss it and choose which bid to accept. Mr. Melo said that he will notify all the bidders that the WMC will be reviewing the bids at the November 1, 2011 meeting.

Rogers Street Update. Mr. Melo said that he is waiting for a proposal from them to Mr. Cressman. They seem to be interested in the area for a woman sailing team. Mr. Hickey said that if any group uses the property, it still has to be open to the public. Mr. Hannon said that they understood that. Mr. Hickey said that there could be a lot of activities done from this location.

House Winterization. Mr. Melo recommended winterizing the house if it will not be in use this winter to save heating costs.

Shellfish Department. Mr. Race said that there will be a meeting on October 31, 2011. He said that we have a lot of coastline and we would like to see a separate Shellfish Division again. Mr. Melo said Marine Fisheries will not write a plan, but will help us write and review a plan. Mr. Hannon suggested contacting Mr. Mark Eisenburg to try and reinstate the funding for the Shellfish Division. Mr. Hannon said he will follow-up on this.

Harbormaster Report.

Budget Update. Mr. Hannon explained that the budget is a 'user fee' based budget. Mr. Melo said that revenue is down from last year due to loss of parking fine revenue being to the General Fund now; it went to the Waterways Enterprise previously. There is a Retained earnings transfer on the Town Meeting warrant to help supplement this budget change. Mr. Melo will be at Town Meeting next week if there are any questions from the public.

Vehicle Update. Mr. Melo said that the Jet Ski will be winterized and stored for the winter indoors. He said that the two trucks are now painted the same color. Mr. Melo thought the Park Department was moving to Allen Street and we might use their old building on Bridge Street for storage and repairs, but Allen Street may instead be used for cold record storage.

Public Comment. None.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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