

## MINUTES OF WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 08, 2005

A meeting of the Waterways Management Committee was duly called and held on Tuesday, November 08, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.; 12 Rogers Street, Dartmouth. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Norman Peloquin. The following were present: Mr. Peloquin, Robert Metcalf, Warren Hathaway, Gerry Hickey, Chris Hemingway and Ira Perry. Absent was Mr. Roger Race. Also present was Mr. Steven Melo, Harbormaster.

Mr. Peloquin reviewed the agenda for the evening. Mr. Hathaway moved to accept the agenda. Mr. Metcalf seconded. So Moved. Mr. Hickey noted that he would like to discuss the goals of the WMC for the upcoming year. Mr. Metcalf suggested prioritizing the goals. Mr. Peloquin suggested adding it under New Business.

The minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2005 were reviewed. It was noted that on the first page, under Budget it should read 'Mr. Melo said that Mr. Race requested a copy of the budget, which he reviewed **for** the commission'. On Page 3 under Enterprise Funds it should read 'Mr. Hathaway said he would like to look into the issue of the Town **asking the WMC to use enterprise funds**'. Mr. Hickey moved to accept the minutes with the changes. Mr. Hathaway seconded. So Moved.

### Harbormaster Report.

Trustee Grant Report. Mr. Melo reported that two projects in Dartmouth were approved, but the WMC project was not. Approved were funds for a study of the Padanaram Bridge causeway for \$175,000.;fund to study the Round Hill salt marsh area for \$164,000. Mr. Melo said that the trustees of the grant found merit in our project but they found problems regarding obstructions in the water. They were concerned with marine life during construction. Mr. Peloquin said that this Phase 3 solicited grants for natural resource restoration, and he thinks we might not have scored well there. He stated that we could object and/or attend the public hearings to see where we failed. Mr. Melo feels there may have been a change in the requirements, he feels that public access was the primary goal. Mr. Melo said that we requested \$730,000. with a match of \$539,000. Mr. Melo said that he would contact Ms. Alicia Leduc to find out if it is worth going back to this. Mr. Melo said that there would be a public hearing on November 16, 2005 at the Days Inn. He said that we have 30 days to respond. Mr. Melo said that we had recommendations endorsing the grant from Senator Montigny and CBC. Mr. Hathaway feels our strong area is public access and they should check with Ms. Leduc on the requirements.

Mr. Peloquin suggested getting a working group together to check into this. Mr. Hickey, Peloquin and Mr. Hemingway said that they would be willing to be in this group. Mr. Melo will try to contact Ms. Leduc this week.

Dartmouth Pride Request. Mr. Melo said that Ms. Ellie White, Town Clerk, called him regarding having children build boats during Dartmouth Pride, and then have them race the boats sometime during summer along with the concerts. He will be meeting with the Dartmouth Pride group in the near future. Mr. Peloquin said that Ms. White could be asking for assistance with this. Mr. Metcalf said that Bay View has done something similar with cardboard boats. Mr. Melo said that putting the new boat in the parade could give the Harbormasters office some visibility. Mr. Peloquin asked if the WMC feels they should support this. Mr. Hickey moved to table this until more information is received regarding Dartmouth Pride. Mr. Perry seconded. So moved.

Pump-Out Boats. Mr. Melo said that in October he found that both pump out boats were not working properly. He said that the large one had a rag stuck in a hose. He said that his assistants took it apart, found the problem

and hopefully it will be working next week. The small one is due to come off line, take that pump and transfer it to the angular. He said that the 22' angular would become the daily boat replacing the small boat. He said the Sea Ox would be retired, he cannot see putting money into it. He would like to rebuild the pump and put it on the gray boat. His goal is to have two pump-out boats working next season.

Office Windows. He said that the new windows were installed by Duncan Scott's crew on behalf of Davis and Tripp..

Harbormaster Law 2005. Mr. Melo stated he received a flyer today for a one-day clinic at the Taunton Holiday In on December 8, 2005. He will be looking into it, if it is worthwhile he would like to attend. Attorney Patrick Rogers of Commonwealth Police Services is running it. Mr. Mike Gill said that he runs alot of courses and they are very good. Mr. Hickey feels that if it is available, it is good to attend.

#### Old Business.

Webcam. Mr. Peloquin said he asked Mr. Hickey to look into this. Mr. Hickey said he feels that it has to be posted that a webcam is in use - he is getting signs that are being used elsewhere. Mr. Hickey said that it has to be used for 1) public information and 2) it has to be protecting an area. He will have more information for the next meeting.

New Patrol Boat. Mr. Melo said that the Police Department did get a \$12,000. grant for the boat. This money could be used toward purchasing the engines. He said he would check into how the money should be used. Mr. Peloquin said that before this is done, he would like to see a memorandum of agreement between the Harbormaster and the Police Dept. Mr. Hickey asked about any other grants. Mr. Melo said that the Harbormasters office is not in line for Homeland Security grants. Mr. Melo said that the dive team boat is used for recovery, his boat is a rescue boat. Mr. Melo said that he would be talking with Town Council regarding the memorandum. He said that it would state that the Police Department owns it but the Harbormaster is responsible for the upkeep of it. Mr. Melo will speak with the Chief on this.

Signage at Public Landings. Mr. Perry said that he spoke with N.B. Voke. The information has to be given to them and they will make the signs. Mr. Melo said that the sign at the breakwater should be removable. Mr. Perry said that when he has the information on sizes and wording, he would contact Voke again.

Dingy Racks. Mr. Hemingway said that he had a customer give him a quote on the racks. He said that the cost is lower that Mr. Melo's was for the material. He said that the uprights should be strengthened. Mr. Melo said that it took three people in his department to build it. Mr. Hemingway said that he would get more quotes on building the racks.

Renovations at 12 Rogers Street. Mr. Hickey said that he met with classes at D.H.S., he needs to give them the dimensions of the house. Mr. Metcalf said that he would try to get the information off the computer. Mr. Hickey will give the students the dimensions, they will use the CAD system at the school.

Ad Hoc Memberships. Mr. Peloquin said he would like to discuss this and extend invitations to the former members to join. Mr. Hathaway feels it is an excellent idea. Mr. Peloquin would like to contact the former members to see if they are interested in it. Mr. Hickey said that they should establish the guidelines before contacting them. Mr. Melo said that if the ad hoc members are interested in only certain topics, they could only attend those meetings. Mr. Peloquin said that people have contacted him interested in attending the meetings. Mr. Hickey said that when members leave, their experience leaves. Mr. Metcalf said that there are a

lot of people who would like to be involved in projects they have expertise in. Mr. Peloquin said that parameters should be set up. Mr. Hathaway feels that they should attend 50% of the meetings. Mr. Hemingway agrees with 50% of the meetings; he also feels that they should be present at the meetings, not just submitting recommendations in writing. Mr. Peloquin feels 50% of the meetings is to low a number. Mr. Hemingway feels that with a full-time Harbormaster, a monthly meeting should be enough. Mr. Melo agrees, but if a project is going on more meetings could be set. Mr. Hathaway said that he envisions the Ad Hoc a professional group for certain projects, with expertise in that area. Mr. Peloquin said that the Ad Hoc committee can participate, but they have no vote.

Mr. Hickey moved 1) to appoint the Ad Hoc members annually and 2) they have to attend three-quarters of the meetings, they attend but cannot vote. Mr. Perry seconded. So Moved.

Mr. Peloquin said that they get people with expertise in certain areas as the need arises. This has been done in the past. He suggested that Mr. Melo be the one to suggest when he needs help and they would accommodate him.

New Business.

Sponsorship of public education. Mr. Hemingway suggested going to the schools and talking to the students regarding water safety, etc. Mr. Metcalf suggested that this should be included in the goals of the WMC. Mr. Hickey said that alot of Dartmouth students never have gone to the beach. Mr. Hathaway agreed. Mr. Peloquin suggested getting a list together for discussion at the next meeting.

Goals of the WMC. Tabled until the next meeting.

Public Comment.

Mr. Don White, Bay View, said he would like to complement the WMC for all the good ideas.

The next meeting is schedule for Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at 12 Rogers Street.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane L. Vieira