



Harbor Development Committee Minutes

February 16, 2022

Members: M. Boer (Chair), W. Reardon, P. Branagan, A. Cowan, N. Amdur, P. Gannon, K. Doran

Others: JR Frey (Town Engineer), Ken Corson (Harbormaster) and members of the public via ZOOM.

Call to order: 7:41 pm

1. January 12, 2022 meeting minutes approved.
2. Open issues (recurring matters):
 - a. Town Wharf Project: (by JR Frey and Bill Reardon):
 - i. Permit preliminarily filed with MEPA, with initial feedback from CZM and DEP looking for compliance with wetlands protection act in regards to new revetment at small beach area between new boat ramp and town pier. DEP also questioned storm water treatment provisions at new Town Pier. Subsequently, the town of Hingham withdrew the filing to avoid an environmental impact report requirement and also to address these issues and other minor concerns.
 - ii. Potential solution to small beach area would be to construct artificial dune with sea grass; similar to dune built at bathing beach area. Beals & Thomas and Town of Hingham to request on-site meeting with MEPA to address these issues.
 - iii. New Harbormaster's storage shed to be sized and located.
 - iv. Time frame to be pushed out up to 18 months to address these comments.
 - v. Additional money from town needed for repairs to waterfront at Mobil/ Veterans Park and also for Town Pier. Warrant article was to be provided to the Selectboard and legal counsel for inclusion into the next town meeting; however due to setbacks with Permit filing, the warrant article was withdrawn. HDC voted unanimously to withdraw warrant article at this time.



- b. Boat Ramp update (by Ken Corson): construction is underway. Additional funds were made available from the state for the full reconstruction, including pier, gangway and floats. Ramp expected to be in-place by mid May 2022.
 - c. Updates on CPC grant for Master Plan for Hingham Harbor presented by Marco. Bids for Master Plan were received with only one bidder: Beals & Thomas. At a special committee meeting, the HDC and Bathing Beach Trustees recommended to the Town to accept their proposal. Completion of comprehensive draft of Master Plan is desirable by the end of August, so as to be in time for applying for new CPC funds.
 - d. Process for installation of new memorial benches around town was addressed by K. Doran. Benches are requested thru the Select board's office by filing a form, specifying 3 possible locations and paying a fee for initial installation. It is proposed that the Master Plan should specify new bench locations in the harbor area.
3. J. Thomas stated that Boy Scout Troop 1 would be willing to assist in harbor maintenance.
 4. Set next meeting date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 (7:30pm)

Adjournment: 9:05 pm