

Town of Hingham



Harbor Development Committee

Minutes

February 20, 2020

7:30PM at Town Hall

(Note: Bathing Beach Trustees may join this meeting)

Members: W. Reardon (Chair), M. Boer, R. Conroy, K. Doran, B. MacAloney

Others: Ken Corson (Harbormaster), Tom Mayo (Town Administrator), Joe Fisher (HDC Liaison), and Libby Claypool (Advisory Committee), Dan Gagne (Beals & Thomas), Representative from the Hingham High School Crew Program

1. Call to order: 7:37pm
2. Approval of minutes from January 21, 2020 meeting
3. Open Issues (recurring matters):

A. Harbormaster matters - Corson

Dredging: complete and closing out reimbursement period. Dredging area under marinas was not completed because soil material did not meet offshore disposal requirements. The project came in under budget because the volume of dredged material came in under engineer's estimate and the contractor on-site time was reduced by using a larger dredging scoop.

Harbor By-Laws, Preview of Proposed Revisions: prior to meeting, the Harbormaster solicited initial feedback from various stakeholders. Items discussed at HDC meeting: (1) mooring regulations regarding dredging preparation; (2) mooring regulation proposal to require anyone anchoring over 48 hours to provide notice to the Harbormaster; and (3) World's End safety and environmental concerns. Public hearing may be held on March 24th.

- World's End safety and environmental concerns. Currently there are about 41 moorings with the possibility of adding additional moorings (possibly 13). Regarding rafting of boat, there is consideration of allowing only up to three boats to raft on a mooring and to allow anchoring only with the advance written approval

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of that Harbomaster and/or the potential ability for small boats to anchor in a designated area.

B. Harbor wharves 2020 ATM warrant article: preparation for BOS and AD-COM meetings to review article

The Committee addressed Selectmen queries including whether planned height of wharfs should be increased from original design plan of 11 feet to satisfy other governmental bodies for funding opportunities (Beals + Thomas confirmed there are no height requirements for funding). Beals + Thomas are reviewing (1) whether there are new science/client change considerations that need to be accounted for since the original design was created; (2) what, if any, insurance implications may need to be considered; and whether base level assumptions behind Kleinfelder study are still applicable.

Article will be presented to Selectmen on March 3rd and then to ADCOM on March 5th.

C. Bathing Beach Trustees update

On track for Spring opening of bath house.

D. Harbor Signage Project Update

New signs are on track; committee working on design concepts.

E1. Boat Ramp Replacement Progress/Timeline

All permits have been filed. Construction is anticipated to begin in November/December of 2021 with potential completion in June 2022.

E2. CPC Harbor Master Plan –No Change; no CPC grant for H. Vision in 2020

F. Town's Master Plan Committee Progress

Town wide survey and 'visioning sessions' have been completed; next step discussion of consultant summary at public meetings.

4. Other Matters—None

5. Questions From the Public--

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6, Next meeting date: March 18, 2020

Adjournment: 10:00pm