

Town of Hingham



Harbor Development Committee

Minutes

May 7, 2020

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

Others: Ken Corson (Harbormaster), Chris Daly and Alan Perrault (Hingham Bathing Beach Trustees), Anna Byrne (Town Librarian), and members of the public via ZOOM

1.Call to order: 7:30pm

2.Approval of minutes from February 20 and March 9, 2020 meetings

3.Open Issues (Recurring matters):

a. Harbormaster matters:

Special Summer 2020 Regulations: in response to the COVID pandemic and in consultation with Hingham's Chief of Police, Fire Chief and Executive Health Officer, rafting and anchoring within Worlds End may be temporarily prohibited and mooring only allowed for those with a Hingham permit until the pandemic is over. If enacted, notice will be posted on the town's website, within the newspaper and sent to permit holders. Questions from the public included (1) what constitutes rafting, (2) how to obtain a mooring permit, and (3) available alternative locations. HDC agreed for the Harbormaster to move forward with these potential changes with a focus on creating more clarity on new requirements.

Inner Harbor Mooring Plan: approved and enacted.

World's End Anchorage: Harbormaster is reviewing all comments and may modify proposed changes to proposed changes.

Harbor-By-Laws and proposed mooring regulation revisions: on hold due to COVID response; some housekeeping aspects may be enacted ahead of revisiting large scale changes.

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b. Bathing Beach Trustees update—Perrault

Trustees will be meeting with the Planning Board to discuss farmers' market hours and parking lot considerations for social distancing. Opening may be in July depending on construction and lease discussions.

c. Route 3A Task Force—Anderson/Reardon

Project has been approved for 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding and the State has committed \$12M safety improvements. The Task Force is planning to meet with HDC and other stakeholders to ensure landscape design planning visions are aligned.

d. (1) Town Wharf Projects----Reardon

HDC will be meeting with the Town's new engineer to discuss response to Amory Engineering's letter of March 6, 2020 and how to move forward on wharf improvements.

d.(2) Harbor signage project update—MacAloney

New signs will be presented to the Historic Commission in May and to the Selectmen in early June. If approved, they are expected to be installed by August or early September.

e. MAPC 'Sustainable Vision' Project progress/timeline--Reardon

In addition to MAPC's \$25K grant, the town has agreed to match by \$3K.

f. Town's Master Plan Committee progress – Anderson

Status includes planned meetings in June and July; a public presentation planned for September; feedback to the Planning Board in October; and, ultimately, a 2021 warrant article.

4. Next meeting date: June 16, 2020

5. Adjournment: 9:56pm