

Minutes Harbor Committee 3/16/2021

Members present: Patrick Ryan, Bob Vaughan, Bud Fisher, Chris Bates, Don Condon, Mark Shaughnessy

Others present: Debrae Bishop, Harbormaster

Minutes of the February 16th Committee meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously as written.

Members reviewed the Financial Statements as of February 28th, 2021. Discussion.

Harbormaster Report: Harbormaster informed the Committee that all billing for 2021 moorings would be mailed this week.

Chair updated Committee on progress with construction drawings per Andrew McCullough PE

Engineer should be ready to file for Department of Environmental Protection permit in 2 weeks

Engineer is looking at possibility of dredging up to 8' below current ground level at face of new retaining wall. This would address some of the concerns regarding access for fishing boats to parking lot. Answer soon.

Don Condon put forward a proposal to consider off-site parking options at Betsy's Cove. The owner of Condon's garage has expressed a willingness to allow paid parking on the Eastern side of the garage building. Consensus of Committee was that any paid parking agreements would need to be between the owner of parked vehicles and the owner of the parking space. The Committee discussed the current usage of the Community Center parking lot for off-site parking. Committee members will survey the parking and report back on possible expansion of the lot.

The Committee reviewed the goals in the current draft of the Marine Resources section of the Comprehensive Plan. Edits were discussed and agreed on. The chair agreed to send the proposed edits to the Comprehensive Planning Committee

The Committee voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Upon resuming the regular meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to approve an increase of 5% to the Harbormaster's compensation. The proposed increase will be presented to the Selectmen for approval.