

Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

May 26, 2021

Present: Joe Aberdale - Chair, Walter Baron - Vice -Chair, David Stamatis, Martha Wilson, Kevin Coakley, John Wolf, Will Sullivan- Harbormaster
Regrets: Frederick Felix, Sam Peper
Guest: John Riehl

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.
Venue: ZOOM

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comments

Walter announced that the annual Wellfleet Rowing Rendezvous will take place on September 25th at Mayo Beach.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of April 28, 2021 unanimously approved on motion by Martha and seconded by Walter

John Riehl - Warrant Article Recommendation

John presented the details of the Natural Resources Advisory Board Warrant article that will be voted upon at the Annual Town Meeting.

***ARTICLE XX:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$25,000**, or any other sum, for the purpose of investigating and recommending practical engineering methods to reduce the scope and expense of future north channel harbor dredging, or do or act anything thereon.*

***SUMMARY:** This article seeks funding for a study of Wellfleet's Marina to evaluate and develop an engineering and permit plan to replace Marina north channel dredging with a natural distribution of dredge spoils ("black custard") on to Duck Creek marshes.*

(Request of the Natural Resources Advisory Board.)

The goal is to determine if there is a successful and less expensive alternative to maintenance dredging in the north channel. The process would involve pumping the black custard from the channel and depositing it in the marshes. If the article is approved, science and engineering companies would perform research and design

a project by the end of 2021. John requested a vote of support from MAC. Walter made the following motion: The Marina Advisory Committee recommends approval of the NRAB's warrant article XX at the Wellfleet Annual Town Meeting. Motion seconded by John. Unanimous approval.

Harbormaster Report

Will reported that a new marina vessel is on a warrant for approval at the town meeting. The Dept. of Public Works has been assisting with the placement of the docks in the harbor. The marina is now open seven days. The hours now are 6:00 to 6:00 but may change. Boats that have been stored on the pier are being launched.

Marina Concerns

Items discussed were a speed sign in the channel, a new dock bumper on the fuel dock, placing staff outside of the office to deal with issues by the launching ramp and new signage.

Dredging Update

Joe reported that the dredging grant awards will be announced in June. Work continues on the process to finalize preparations to dredge Area 1 starting on October first. The goal is to make a project announcement to project bidders in June. The Area 2 project is being reviewed in the main office of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Will spoke about the need to email all boaters in mid-August to have their boats out by September 15th so dredging preparations can begin.

New Business and Future Concerns

Kevin expressed concern about the need to balance the number of grants being given out with recreational boaters. Concerns expressed by several members that Blackfish Creek is no longer navigable. Boats are hitting racks as some are not marked and don't have the regulation buoys. Members requested that the Shellfish Constable be invited to the next MAC meeting to discuss these issues.

The next meeting will be on June 23, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Martha.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Aberdale.