

Harbor Advisory Committee

Wednesday March 3rd, 2021

Online Meeting

MINUTES OF THE HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAR 3RD, 2021.

Members present: Carl Doane (Chair, CD), Dane Lane (DL), Steve Lauber (SL), Philip Leahy (PL), Chris Comb (CB)

Absent members: Dan Grey (DG),

Members of the public: Bion Pike (HM), Others

All HAC meetings are recorded.

Call to Order: 5:30pm

Documents presented: [March 3rd, HAC Agenda.](#)

1. Approval of February 3rd, 2021 Minutes.

Documents presented: [Draft Minutes of Feb 3rd, 2020.](#)

Motion to accept minutes of February 3rd by PL. Second by CC. Motion passed.

2. Public Comment

Sandy Rogers, Old Essex Rd, made a comment regarding the impact to the landscape of the pilings at new docks at Tuck's Point and the proposed commercial dock between Reed Park and Morss Pier. Concern also expressed over communication of these changes to the public. This comment will be addressed by the committee in the agenda item discussions to follow.

3 Harbormaster Update

Documents presented: [March 3rd, Agenda Items.](#)

3.1 HM Schedule

HM will be attending office Mon-Fri through to the 3rd week in May.

3.2 Waterway Invoicing.

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3.2 Tuck's Point (TP)

The harbor master (HM) summarized the position to date at Tucks Point. At the request of the Conservation Committee, 75 feet of dock space was removed from the project. This was to address the issue of the visual impact of the pilings. Pilings will have to be used for the remainder of the docks at TP. The Army Corps would not have signed off on this project without these pilings. In the near future, the rotunda will have to be raised by 7 feet. The pilings will no longer be in any line of vision when this occurs. Information on these projects is provided by the HM in the Waterway publication which is sent out by email to all waterway users. The Waterway is also published in the Cricket. Notices of the project appear in both the Cricket and the Gloucester Times.

3.3 Morss Pier

The SEC awarded the town a grant for USD 132,000 for the engineering and permitting of the proposed fisherman's facility between Reed Park dock and Morss Pier. This would cover 80% of these costs. The town will need to cover the balance of 20%. This will have to be approved at the town meeting. No decisions have been taken on this proposed project at this stage. SL summarized the position of the committee on this project. No motion has been passed, cost/benefit analysis is yet to be undertaken, need to address the aesthetics of the pilings and the dock, need to address who might use the docks space (eg should the town launch be included). The HM explained the timeline for this proposed project. If passed at the town meeting in June then engineering and permitting would commence this summer, construction grants would be applied prior to November 2021, grant award occur by February 2022, construction would start in Spring or Fall of 2022.

4 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 14th at 5:30pm.

5 Adjourn

Motion to adjourn CD. Second CC. Motion passed.

Signed by Carl Doane

Chairman of Harbor Advisory Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Doane', written over a light blue horizontal line.