

Harbor Advisory Committee

Wednesday September 13, 2023

In person/ Online Hybrid meeting

MINUTES OF THE HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD On September 13th, 2023.

Members present: Carl Doane (Chair, CD), Steve Lauber (SL), Philip Leahy (PL), Samuel Crocker (SC), Steve Maio (SM),

Absent members: Chris Comb (CC), Jim Doucette (JD)

Members of the public: Bion Pike (HM)

All HAC meetings are recorded.

Call to Order: 5:35pm

Documents presented: September 13th, 2023, HAC Agenda

1. Approval of June 14th 2023 Minutes.

Motion to approve, PL, Second CD, vote was unanimous to approve.

2. Public Comment

none

3 Harbormaster Report

3.1 Area 7 additional moorings.

3.2 Tucks point rotunda: The Select Board is conducting a Public Forum to present options for the restoration and relocation of the Rotunda. The meeting will be held on September 14th at 7:00 in the Town Hall.

3.3 Fisherman's facility: The proposed design was presented to the Select Board at their meeting on September 5th. The project was approved by the Board to progress to the Permitting stage.

Motion by SL to recommend a Public Forum by the Select Board to provide specific details of the project and encourage feedback from the Public. Second by PL, vote is unanimous.

3.4 Reed Park expansion: The dock expansion is fully funded by State grants.

Installation of the piers is projected to begin in the Fall of 2024.

3.5 Capital budget requests:

The Harbor Department is seeking funding for the creation of a full time Deputy Harbormaster position. This position would allow for the Department to carry out the duties of the Harbor Department which are currently not being accomplished with existing staffing levels. It is expected that this individual would also be in a position to take over as Harbormaster when BP retires.

The Harbor Department is seeking funds to take over the equipment and operation for the Manchester Marine launch service.

3.6 Crocker's and Manchester Marine expansion. Both projects are still waiting for permits to be issued before proceeding.

4 Harbor Aesthetics: No changes have been implemented to date.

When the Reed park project is complete, the NOAA vessel and some other Town safety vessels can re-locate to the end of the dock, in a less visible location.

SL expressed concern about the visual impact of the Fisherman's Facility project. HM defended the design as being consistent with the character of the Harbor.

5 Motion to adjourn SC Second CD Motion passed.

Signed by Steve Lauber

Secretary of Harbor Advisory Committee.