

Ipswich Waterways Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019 7:00pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Ipswich Town Hall

- WAC Chairman Chris Murray called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. WAC members attending were Chris Murray, Tony Giannelli, Jeff Cann, and Dave Morin. Gary Champion also attended the meeting.
- Minutes from November 14, 2018 meeting were accepted as submitted.
- Citizen inquiries:
 - Gary Champion presented his opinion on what tasks are involved and need to be managed regarding the Ipswich waterways.
 - He claims Robin Crosbie, the former Ipswich Town Manager, appointed the IWAC members not the Selectmen. Proof of that was requested. He stated the government study committee had discussions on this issue and a question was asked from Chris Murray about the government study committee findings.
 - There was a question about the selectmen being the entity to appoint the harbormaster.
 - Gary Champion feels that the IWAC would be stronger if it had clear responsibilities.
 - Gary Champion claimed to research about 30 other communities with waterways committees - he claims all other committees are responsible for all waterways activities and report directly to the selectmen.
 - Question: "What could be improved?" Answer from Gary Champion: Responsibility for the waterways tasks need to be given to others versus the harbormaster and selectmen.
- Citizens discussion: The IWAC needs to dig into a more "meaty" topic such as the Harbor Plan and Ipswich River dredging.
- The new town manager and chief of police need to attend the next IWAC meeting.
- Dredging discussion: More information will be coming from Tony Giannelli. Could present a possible rate increase in mooring/launch fees. We can discuss with Chief Nikas.
- Harbormaster plan discussion: Tabled.

- Police update: None.
- Old business- Wharf congestion- falls under harbormaster.
- New business- None
- The next WAC meeting will be on February 13, 2019 at 7pm in the Ipswich Town Managers conference room.

- Next meeting agenda:
 1. Review and approve minutes from 1/9/19
 2. Citizen's inquiries (5 minute time limit)
 3. Citizen's inquiries discussion.
 4. Wharf congestion.
 5. Harbormaster plan update.
 6. Non-motorized vessel launch discussion
 7. Wharf improvement discussion/police update
 8. Northeast Coastal Coalition (raise fees for dredging?)
 9. New and old business.
 10. Discuss meeting wrap up
 11. Next meeting and agenda

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm, seconded and approved.

Attest: David Morin, Secretary
Chris Murray, WAC Chairperson