

**Ipswich Waterways Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 29, 2020 7:00pm**  
**Town Manager Conference Room, Ipswich Town Hall**

- ) WAC Chairman Chris Murray called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. WAC members attending were Chris Murray, Tony Giannelli, Jeff Cann, Gary Hamilton, and Dave Morin. Gary Champion and Craig Saline from the IGSC attended the meeting. Bill Fabri, Vinny Burridge, and Scott Goodwin also attended.
- ) Motion made to accept the minutes from January 15, 2020 as submitted, seconded, and approved.
- ) Citizens inquiries: Gary Champion announced to “pass” on citizens inquiries.
- ) Chairperson Murray requested that all correspondence to Urban Harbors regarding the harbor plan be passed through the IWAC. Gary Champion said “no”. He feels he can communicate directly to Urban Harbors.
- ) GSC Article 11 Discussion:
  - o Q: Town vote on the article/charter? A: Better wording can be done to eliminate 2020 date. A long discussion ensued on possible wording.
  - o Gary Champion said the original article was in 1966 where the select board appointed the IWAC.
  - o Gary Hamilton stated the existing IWAC members were appointed by the town manager and select board and will remain.
  - o Tony Giannelli asked if the IWAC would report to the select board and that language be added in.
  - o Q: Can the town manager tell the IWAC what to be responsible for? A: Generally not (Craig Saline).
  - o Gary Champion stated the new article will give the IWAC direct access to the select board.
  - o Chris Murray stated Chief Nikas wants the word ‘harbormaster’ added in versus ‘town’ in the article.
  - o Craig Saline stated regulations would be approved by the select board. There will be a two step process; spring town meeting to approve article then responsibilities to follow.

- Q: Is it the the GSC's wanting to have the IWAC approve the regulations? A; No, it was voted on. Gary Champion stated town counsel said IWAC should approve regs.
- February 11, 2020 next GSC meeting. Will get back to the IWAC by 2/12 on the article.
- Gary Champion stated the GSC submitted 8 articles in the past and all were approved at the town meeting. He also said things are submitted to the select board and the GSC defends it. Many debates took place with the fin comm on their article.
- Gary Champion handed out his own research/opinion on the article topic for everyone to review. This information was not from the GSC.. He then exited the meeting.
- Many concerns about validity and personal agendas were conveyed by the IWAC and citizens to Craig Saline.

) Ipswich Harbor Plan Discussion:

- Draft master plan of waterways is in Ipswich.
- Outreach and communication will be coordinated by Leah in the town managers office. There will be a website link.
- Kristen Uiterwick from Urban Harbors requested all communication to her go through the IWAC to maintain consistency.
- Rob Donahue to coordinate all communications from Urban Harbors through the website.
- Documents must be distributed following open meeting laws.
- Communications is an issue. Maybe set up a voice mail box for citizens to leave a message.
- Craig Saline exited the meeting.
- An opportunity sheet was distributed from Kristen Uiterwick.
- Ipswich open space will be responsible for fresh water in Ipswich, IWAC responsible for salt water.
- Resource list was reviewed.
- The surveyed was reviewed and needs to be completed within a week.
- A spreadsheet from Chief Nikas about the town wharf improvement.

) The next WAC meeting will be on February 11, 2020 at 7pm in the Ipswich Town Managers conference room.

) Next meeting agenda:

1. Review and approve minutes from 1/29/20
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
9. Article 11 Discussion
10. New and old business.
11. Discuss meeting wrap up
12. Next meeting and agenda

) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm, seconded and approved.

Attest: David Morin, Secretary  
Chris Murray, WAC Chairperson