

Ipswich Waterways Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2019 7:00pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Ipswich Town Hall

- WAC Chairman Chris Murray called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. WAC members attending were Chris Murray, Tony Giannelli, Jeff Cann, Rob Donahue, Gary Hamilton, and Dave Morin. Officer Brian Murphy and Chief Paul Nikas also attended the meeting.
- Minutes from January 9, 2019 meeting were accepted as submitted.
- Citizen inquiries: None
- Citizens discussion: Dave Morin referenced a letter dated 4/6/16 from then Town Manager Robin Crosbie confirming the Ipswich Selectmen were to confirm his IWAC appointment. Chairman states this issue has been previously addressed by Town Manager, Town Council, and harbormaster, and is outside of the scope of the IWAC. Dave Morin also stated his concerns with Gary Champions citizens inquiry requesting more power be given to the IWAC from the harbormaster and selectmen. A large discussion ensued on the topic where concerns were addressed.
- Wharf congestion discussion: Concerns about traffic and it being very busy. The state runs the wharf and needs amendments. Possible larger fee for out of state residents?
- Wharf improvements being planned for spring 2020. Wharf will be closed for two months during construction. The IWAC needs to contact Doug Cameron for proper communications to the public.
- Non-motorized vessel discussion: Tony Giannelli has been in contact with Beth O'Connor. A dock is being considered for Peatfield Street access. More information to come.
- Dredging discussion: Next meeting 3/1/19 in Essex Town Hall at 10am. One county dredge system being formed with coastal towns from Manchester to Salisbury. Soundings need to be completed in the river to determine sand/mud.
- Harbormaster plan discussion: A RFP needs to be obtained from Urban Harbors. The IWAC will ask help from harbormaster and selectmen for help.
- Police update: Tentative budget approved. The large police boat being repowered. Mooring fees/renewal very active.

- Old business- None
- New business- None
- The next WAC meeting will be on March 13, 2019 at 7pm in the Ipswich Town Managers conference room.

- Next meeting agenda:
 1. Review and approve minutes from 2/13/19
 2. Citizen's inquiries (5 minute time limit)
 3. Citizen's inquiries discussion.
 4. Wharf congestion (new ideas being requested)
 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 8:25 pm, seconded and approved.

Attest: David Morin, Secretary
Chris Murray, WAC Chairperson