

**Ipswich Waterways Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2020 7:00pm
Conference Room C, Ipswich Town Hall**

-) WAC Chairman Chris Murray called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. WAC members attending were Chris Murray, Tony Giannelli, Gary Hamilton, Rob Donahue, Jeff Cann, Michael Arnold, and Dave Morin. Doug Cameron, Officer Brian Murphy, and about 25 citizens also attended.
-) Motion made to accept the minutes from February 11, 2020 as submitted, seconded, and approved.
-) Citizens inquiries: None
-) Doug Cameron was given the floor to present Ipswich Wharf improvement plans:
 - o Drawn plans were displayed.
 - o Cement walls will be first to be completed, float anchors, ramp rebuild, then asphalt repairs.
 - o A pedestrian walkway and granite blocks to be installed.
 - o Northern Construction will complete the project for \$425,000.
 - o March 20-June 1st construction is being planned.
 - o The wharf will be fenced off and closed.
 - o The ramp may be open while the wall is being worked on.
 - o The contractor may work with lobstermen and for trap access.
 - o Q: Milestone dates? A: Yes. Wall 3/20-5/30, Ramp 5/1-5/23, Clean up 6/1. Penalties in place if dates not met.
 - o Q: Ramp shut down? A; Yes, 5/1-5/23.
 - o Q: Lobster traps go over railing? A; No
 - o Q: IOC to give access? A; not determined but IOC is private.
 - o Q: Work hours and noise? A: regular work hours and yes it will be noisy.
 - o Q: Work area near wall? A: 8-10'.
 - o Q: Docks at ramp? A; No
 - o Q: Communication on mooring users and neighbors? A: Yes, the purpose of this meeting and email being sent out.
 - o Q: Design to be the same? A: Yes. It will not really look different.
 - o Q: More granite blocks and another winch? A: No.
 - o Signage will be town's responsibility.

- Q: Dinghy dock change? A: No.
- The pilings are \$5K each.
- Dave Morin stated the concerns of the IOC: Private property, liability, parking, and overuse. Working with select board and police on the issue.
- Q: Boom OK? A: yes
- Q: Signage now? A: Possibly.
- Q: How popular is the wharf versus other ramps? A: Very used, maybe 4th busiest in Massachusetts.
- Q: Fix ramp first? A: The contractor has a schedule.
- Q: Defined work area? A: yes.
- Docks going in June 1st.
- Dinghy docks in soon.
- Q: Fix the davit? A: Yes.

) Citizens inquiries: None.

) Ipswich Harbor Plan Discussion:

- Andy Breagle from open space attended the meeting. He stated the marsh and waterways are considered open space. He also distributed goals of natural resources and action items.
- Website has been drafted and being reviewed.
- The survey being launched.
- Voice mail box being worked on for comments and questions.
- Open meeting discussed.
- Chris Murray spoke about the shellfish committee interaction.
- Some mooring areas may have nearby shellfishing closed.
- Q: No overnight parking at the wharf? A: good idea, will look into.

) Peatfield Street Discussion:

- Tony Giannelli reported the project has been scaled back due to cost.
- A removable dock is being designed.
- Allocate \$5K through waterways and \$3500 through grants.
- The plan has been presented to the select board and Fin Comm being planned soon.
- Tony Giannelli was commended for his work on the project.
- Rob Cox will donate the chain for the project.

) Article 11 report:

- Being presented to Fin Comm after the select board.

) The next WAC meeting will be on April 8, 2020 at 7pm in the Ipswich Town Managers conference room.

) Next meeting agenda:

1. Review and approve minutes from 3/11/20
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 9 pm, seconded and approved.

Attest: David Morin, Secretary
Chris Murray, WAC Chairperson