

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

- WAC Chairman Chris Murray called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. WAC members attending were Chris Murray, Tony Giannelli, Rob Donahue, Gary Hamilton, and Dave Morin. Gary Champion also attended the meeting.
- Minutes from February 13, 2019 meeting were accepted as amended.
- Citizen inquiries: None
- Citizens discussion: None
- Wharf congestion discussion: New pump station to be built and moved closer to the general store. The IWAC will recommend additional parking spaces where the old pump house was and request timeframes. Gary Champion asked if fresh water would be available for boats.
- Non-motorized vessel discussion: Tony Giannelli reported Beth O'Connor is working on a plan for a 42' dock to be placed on Petefield St access. Bids are being accepted for a new aluminum dock. There are open issues such as water levels, wood/plastic materials, Cons Comm, and schedules. More to come in April meeting.
- Dredging discussion: Large meeting held in Essex where the Woods Hole Group made a presentation. Many politicians and about 50 other people attended. Senator Bruce Tarr is leading the initiative. The dredging towns span from Manchester to Salisbury. It would be \$3.5 to \$4M to buy a dredge for all the towns. The final report is due in June. Motion made to move ahead with the IWAC recommendation to create an account to help start the dredging funding, seconded, and approved.
- Harbormaster plan discussion: Chris Murray has the NECC presentation and proposal which he distributed. There is a about \$100 per hour fee for the plan. The board for selectmen and town manager are in favor of the plan which would greatly help the dredge of the river. Cheif Nikas can probably budget for the plan cost. Urban Harbors Institute would write the plan for about \$28,107 total cost. The Seaport Economic Council may match up to 25% of the cost. Motion made to to move forward with the IWAC recommending to

- continue with the proposal on the harbor plan, seconded, and approved.
- Police update: Tabled until April meeting.
 - Old business- None
 - New business- Some IWAC minutes need to be posted on the town website. Dave Morin to forward minutes that were not posted by town hall.
 - The next WAC meeting will be on April 10, 2019 at 7pm in the Ipswich Town Managers conference room.
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- Next meeting agenda:
 1. Review and approve minutes from 3/13/19
 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
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- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm, seconded and approved.

Attest: David Morin, Secretary
Chris Murray, WAC Chairperson