

## Coastal Waters Commission Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2024

**The Coastal Water Commission (CWC) held a Meeting at 6:00PM at the Chebeague Town Office on Thursday, March 14, 2024.**

### **I. Call Public Meeting to Order at 6:03 PM by chairman Justin Doughty**

In attendance: Justin Doughty, Alex Todd, Kevin Wentworth and Herb Maine. Harbormaster Genaro Balzano. Public: Carol White, Jason

### **II. Public Comments and Correspondence**

Justin reported that Sherman Rich has resigned. Justin will relay that to the Board of Selectmen.

1. Asked that CWC review the Chebeague-side Float at Cousins and recommend:
  - a. Replace the ramp with an 80' ramp to get closer to ADA compliance  
*If yes, should it be 4' wide to accommodate two-way pedestrian traffic?  
We do not recommend an 80' ramp at this time. GEI's March 30, 2022 estimate in their report as much as \$360,000 including required new floats and anchoring.  
An 80' ramp may still not comply ADA regulations, the maximum slope of 1:12.*
  - b. Should we pursue adding more tie-up space at the location?  
*Yes, but also include enforcement, we have recommended this in the past.*
  - c. Should we pursue a means of loading and unloading smaller boats on the Chebeague side?  
*Yes, with a proper design. probably seasonal.*
2. Asked that CWC make a recommendation for a dollar amount to raise for the Barge Ramp fund (9000-9016).
  - a. Current balance \$30,792
  - b. They are considering \$20,000 but there is no specific reason other than an old directive to 'build the account'  
*Leave the \$20,000 in for future repairs on the sidewalls or other upgrades.*

Carol White discussed the work of the Chebeague Climate Action Team's work on a marine spatial plan. The Commission recommended Monday March 25 6:00pm

### **III. Reports- HM AND Shellfish**

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **Mooring Software Update.**

Justin reported on the mooring software. \$5/mooring fee. Online Mooring software is proposed as used by other towns and has more features. Genaro and Herb will compare the software.

#### **Aquaculture Update-Pre App Meetings**

- Putnam's converting existing experimental into Standard - Genaro
- New application Max Burtis – Genaro and Justin gave feedback

#### **Marine Infrastructure Plan**

- Add boats and mooring gear
- 2 rental moorings
- Publish the marine infrastructure
- Add mooring fees, tie ups
- Registering boats and moorings
- Tide gauge
- Transient tie-ups – we need research for transient tie-ups.  
Herb and Genaro will work on website content.

**Motion:** Moved by A. Todd to Flat fee of 10\$ for all boats all time., seconded by Kevin.

**Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried**

#### **Stone Pier Barge Plank Delivery**

- Justin reported on his effort to get delivery quotes. Total estimate is \$5,600 based on CWC estimates. Justin will report to Bob.

### **V. New Business**

#### **Capital Planning: Barge Ramps and Cousins Island**

- Topics were covered earlier

#### **Aquaculture Mooring Fees**

- Justin presented the idea of charging for aquaculture – he will research the Brooksville harbormaster ordinance.

**TOCI Website: CWC Updates and Information**

- Shore and Harbor - Coastal Community grants.
- Address the barging issue. Carol will bring to the SelectBoard.

**VI. Approval of Minutes: To approve minutes from February 15th, 2024**

**Motion:** Moved by A. Todd to adjourn, seconded by K. Wentworth.

**Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried**

**VII. Items to be placed on a future agenda.**

**VIII. Adjourn Meeting at 7:50 PM**

**Respectively Submitted,  
Herbert Maine, CWC Secretary**

**Approved: 5/8/2024**