

**Waterways Commission
Minutes of Meeting
July 9th, 2014**

REVISED: September 15, 2014

Members Present: Chairman C. Howard, Vice Chairman D. Parker, W. Hulse, A. Cloutier, D. McCarthy, K. Grignon, R. Farrenkopf, T. Hester, C. Carroll.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Harbormaster T. Clen

Guests Present: Selectman W. Bergeron and 2 others.

New Members Introductions: R. Farrenkopf, T. Hester, C. Carroll: Chairman C. Howard stated: Welcome aboard to the new members and that W. Hulse had packets for each new member. W. Hulse stated that each packet was the same and when each member sends in their contact information he would send out the link to take the State Ethics Test. In the packets is the last Woods Hole Group report on the Sesuit Harbor study. W. Hulse stated that there is also the Waterways charge as well as the new Waterways Rules and Regulations. C. Howard stated that W. Hulse, Harbormaster T. Clen, Selectman W. Bergeron and C. Howard are on the Harbor Study Committee. C. Howard stated that when he receives waterways information he sends it out to all members, so it is important to get all the contact information in as soon as possible. W. Hulse stated that when we have a full board (all 9 members present) that only the 7 full members can vote. W. Hulse stated that if a full member is absent the 1 year alternate would take there place and if 2 full members are absent then the 1 year and 2 year alternates will take there place.

Public Information: W. Hulse stated that the Town had the auditors look at the Waterways Fund as if it were an enterprise fund. W. Hulse handed out the report from them to each member to review for a future meeting. The report is called the Proprietary Funds statement of Net Position of June 30th, 2013.

Harbormaster T. Clen stated that the Marina Day had fog and rain in the morning but the Sea Scouts, Coast Guard the Mass Environmental Police and the U.S. Power Squadron all came to the harbor. T. Clen stated that there were boat inspections, various programs for new boaters to help improve safety. T. Clen stated that the turn out were small as weather and the short time to get the word out played a big part in the low turn out. T. Clen stated he would like to do it again next year as he thinks it is a way to show what is at the harbor.

Minutes of April 9th, 2014 and June 11th, 2014: April 9th, 2014 minutes held over until the September 10th meeting. Minutes of meeting June 11th, 2014: D. Parker made a motion to accept the minutes as printed: K. Grignon made a second: vote taken: motion passed 7 to 0.

Revenue Report: T. Clen stated that the revenue for June was \$21,880.00 and the fiscal year ending total was \$689,688.40. T. Clen stated that some funds will go into fiscal 2015. T. Clen stated that the fund was down about \$20,000.00 from the last fiscal year 2013. W. Hulse stated he wanted to talk about the private dock fee. W Hulse stated that it was up to the boat owner to

make sure the boat has all the proper documentation and fees paid, it not a private marinas responsibility to send in personal information to the town. W. Hulse stated that it could be a violation of the states privacy laws. W. Hulse thinks we should look at a different way to send out the form so we do get all the income that the waterways needs. W. Hulse made a motion to accept the revenue report as stated: A second was made by K. Grignon; vote taken; motion passed 7 to 0.

Harbormasters Report: Harbormaster T. Clen stated that MEP and the Coast Guard are doing inspections. T. Clen stated that they are doing more safety inspections. T. Clen stated that the Rail Trail project is in the works. T. Clen stated that the dredge was in early this year and took out 14,285 yards of sand. T. Clen stated that the bad news is the last storm put most of the sand back in the same place. T. Clen stated that the dredge is now at Captain Harding's landing on Bass River. T. Clen stated that the dredge is to start on Swan River, permits are in place. W. Hulse asked about costs and how it would be paid for. W. Hulse stated that there was not an article at the last Town Meeting to pay for the dredging of Swan River. T. Clen stated that the funds from the waterways dredge fund would be used. T. Clen stated that the cost would be about \$100,000.00 and that at the fall Town meeting there would be an article to pay for the dredging. T. Clen stated that Bass River Park sand bar will be permitted in October and should be dredged then. T. Clen stated that the next step is to get funding for all the dredging that needs to be done. C. Howard suggested talking to Karen Johnson as the shell-fisherman use those areas as well and looking for help in funding those areas. Selectman W. Bergeron stated that Water Quality Committee may help with funds as they see a better water flow help the environment and there are state and federal funds that could be acquired to help off set some of the costs. W. Bergeron stated that a letter might be drafted to send to the county in praise of a job well done as last year the job was late in starting and did not meet the needs of the harbor when finished. W. Hulse stated that Bass River Park does not contribute funds to the dredging account, will the park pay for the dredging out of their funds? T. Clen stated he was going to ask the Selectmen to approve the costs being paid from that account. W. Bergeron stated that the Selectmen have to start the process of funding the dredging that needs to be done in the Town Of Dennis. R. Farrenkopf asked about the dredge committee. T. Clen stated that the committee was made up of town department heads. C. Howard stated that he and W. Hulse had asked the town administrator why there was no representation from the Waterways Commission and was told only department heads needed to be on that committee. R. Farrenkopf asked why they don't fix some of the big problem that helps to stop the filling of the mouths of our rivers. C. Howard stated that studies have been done to address the problems. T. Clen stated that the permit for Swan River had expired; it took 3 years to get a new permit. T. Clen stated that a new jetty will not be allowed. T. Clen stated that we can maintain the jetties we have but will not allow extensions or new jetties. T. Clen stated that the town is working on a 10 year town wide dredging permit; this will let us dredge all our waterways. T. Clen stated that we could sell the sand to help off set dredging costs. D. McCarthy stated the 10 year plan will be a big help in the dredging issues. T. Clen stated there was a problem with parking at the harbor. T. Clen stated that Bass River had a lot of paddle boards on it. T. Clen stated that he has talked to the business's that rent them to address the safety problems. T. Clen stated they moved some buoys back to their locations as a storm had moved them. T. Clen stated he had some complaints about docks at Sesuit harbor, he asked those slip holders to send in letters stating the issue. C. Howard stated that people have asked why

there are still new docks in the parking lot. T. Clen stated that man power and the winds have held us up on placing them in the water.

New Business: Discussion on Waterways Open and Closed Articles: W. Hulse stated that a few meetings ago the Board of Selectmen

Old Business: Harbor Study Up-Date:

Respectfully Submitted By: W. Hulse

**Next Meeting: September 10th, 2014 at 6:00 PM
Dennis Town Hall, Lower Small Conference Room
485 Main Street, South Dennis, MA.**