

**Waterways Commission
Minutes of Meeting
July 10th, 2019**

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Meeting Called To Order At 6:09 PM

Members Present: Chairman C. Howard, Vice Chairman W, Hulse, A. Cloutier, J. Simpson, T. Hester, W. Bergeron

Members Absent: R. Farrenkoph, D. Parker, C. Carroll

Staff Present: None

Guests Present: 1

Public Information: W. Hulse stated that there will be no meeting in August. A. Cloutier made a motion to not have a Waterways Commission Meeting in the month of August; A second was made by W. Bergeron; Vote taken; Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Minutes Of Meetings: April 10th, 2019, June 12th, 2019 were held over until the July 10th, 2019 meeting.

Revenue Report: W. Hulse stated that the revenue for June 2019 was \$902,602.52. The 2018 June revenue report was \$776,831.88. W. Hulse stated that the donation account was at \$960.85. The increase is from Parking and new Slip Fees being collected. A motion was made by W. Bergeron to accept the report as stated; A second was made by W. Hulse; Vote Taken; Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Harbormasters Report:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion on High Bank Landing, Clipper Lane Landing and Town Owner Land Inventory: This Item was held over until the July 10th meeting.**
- 2. Discussion on setting up Sub-Committees on Landings, Fiscal Policies, Capital Requests and Other Areas: This Item was held over until the July 10th meeting.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion on Acquiring a Town of Dennis (Small) Dredge: This topic was addressed by Jack Yunits a County Employee. Jack stated that he found the old contract to rebuild the old RT 28 Bass River Bridge in August of 1913 and the cost was \$12,350.18. Jack stated that the dredging done last fall was just a wonder full job. Jack stated that the harbor dredging will be a great benefit to the boaters as well as the Town of Dennis. Jack stated that last year for the county was a very bad**

year. The new dredge was a total disaster, was not build to do the job that was needed. The Cod fish is the name of the old county dredge. We have changed the way we are running the dredging business, we have a new man in charge now. Jack stated by the end of last year we had 13 of the 17 dredging projects finished. Jack stated that they have brought in a consultant, her name is Christen Player she has worked with D. Farber in the past and has worked all over the Cape. Jack stated that he has sent a check for \$248,000.00 for the down payment on a new dredge. Jack stated that this dredge is built like the old dredge we have now so we think it will work for us. Jack stated that the dredge we purchased two years ago and did not work for us is now being towed back to the main factory and will be total rebuilt and returned to the county on October 1st, 2019. Jack stated that they will have two dredges in the spring ready to work. Jack stated that the Cod Fish is out of the water, the hull is being inspected for the first time in 20 years and if it is in good order we will keep it working as well. Jack stated that we will be in Bass River this fall and dredging will start. Jack stated that in the spring we will do the channel at Sesuit Harbor. W. Bergeron asked if they would have two dredges working on the two sides of the Cape. Jack stated that the plan is to have two working dredges on the South side of the Cape and one on the North side of the Cape, we will need to hire a new crew for one of the dredges. Jack stated on permits that would be a Town job but if the Towns come to us and really want us to do it the Christen is the person to do the job. W. Hulse asked about north of High Bank Bridge. Jack stated a mechanical hopper dredge is need to dredge that area. The cost is very high to do that kind of dredging. Jack stated that sense the blizzard of 78 the water levels have risen 4.5 inches around the Cape. Jack stated that dredging builds beaches as well as clearing channels for better flow for waste water issues as well as boating navigation. Jack stated that the county will be cleaning up area they have been using and they will be building a new building in that area that they will share with the Town as a work and storage area. C. Howard stated that the Towns 10 year permit should be ready very soon. Jack stated when it is ready he will bring Christen and talk about what can be done as it relates to the 10 year dredge permit.

A Motion was made by A. Cloutier to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. A second was made by T. Hester; Vote taken; Motion passed 6 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted by W. Hulse

Next Meeting is September 11th, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Paul Prue 1st Floor Hearing Room at 685 RT 134, South Dennis, MA

