

**Waterways Commission
Minutes of Meeting
November 13th, 2019**

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Meeting Called to Order at 6:06.

Members Present: Chairman C. Howard, Vice Chairman W. Hulse, Secretary R. Farrenkopf, A. Cloutier, J. Simpson, W. Bergeron, Bob Kelly.

Members Absent: C. Carroll, T. Hester.

Staff Present: None

Guests Present: 3

Public Information: W. Bergeron stated that the field of honor at Johnny Kelly park was well attended. The veterans home on RT 134 has been cleared and the foundation is in and we may cap the foundation until spring. The septic system will be next and the we hope to build the shell so work can be done on the inside.

Minutes of Meetings: April 10th, September 11th, October 9th 2019: All minutes carried over until the December 11th, 2019 meeting.

Revenue Report: No Revenue Report given at this meeting.

Harbormasters Report: C. Howard stated that the work on the east side docks will start this winter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Waterways Fees Discussion/ All Waterways Fees will be discussed: Vote may be taken: R. Farrenkopf stated that a percentage on all fees should be determined and when an increase is proposed that would be the increase. W. Bergeron stated that until the hours for collecting parking fees are extended he would not support any fee increases. W. Bergeron stated that our waterways is a source of revenue for the Town of Dennis. He stated that the dredging of the harbor also helps with the waste water issues in town as well. He feels other interests in town should assist when it comes to revenue for the waterways. W. Bergeron stated that on the Special Permit the fees are paid when you hit the water not at a facility. W. Bergeron stated we should recommend refunding the money paid on the east as well as the west side. C. Howard stated that the harbormaster stated that all refunds must go through the Town Administrator. J. Simpson stated that there are a number of issues that we need to work out with the Fishing and Boating Access Group. He stated we need to address them all and then meet with the group. W. Bergeron stated that we did this to get a handle on what type of commercial activity was going on at the harbor, then look at ways to control growth if possible. No vote taken at this meeting.

Sarah Rufino asked when does the season start and end. C. Howard stated the season starts June 1st and ends November 1st. Sarah stated that she thought the hours to collect fees had been approved last year by the selectmen. She now wonders why they changed their minds. R. Farrenkopf stated that it was all politics as there is a business that does not want the fees to be collected after 4 PM. She stated that she would attend a meeting to support the extended hours just let her know when. W. Bergeron stated that beach parking is also a problem on the east and west side, they take parking spots away from harbor parking.

2. Discussion on OFF Loading Ramp/ Bait Boxes / Traps Left on Ramps: C. Howard stated that bait boxes and traps are being left in the ramp and on the docks. This is an area of concern and needs to be address by staff.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Kiosks: Discussion on collecting fees for the East and West Sides of Sesuit Harbor / Hours and Dates to be Requested: C. Howard stated that a letter supporting the extending of hours to collect parking fees from 7 AM to 7 PM with the Kiosks. The commission members supported the concept. No Vote was taken at this meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM was made by A. Cloutier; A second was made by J. Simpson; Vote taken; Motion passed 7 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted By: W. Hulse

Next Meeting is set for December 11th, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Paul Prue Hearing Room at 685 RT 134, South Dennis, MA. 02660.