

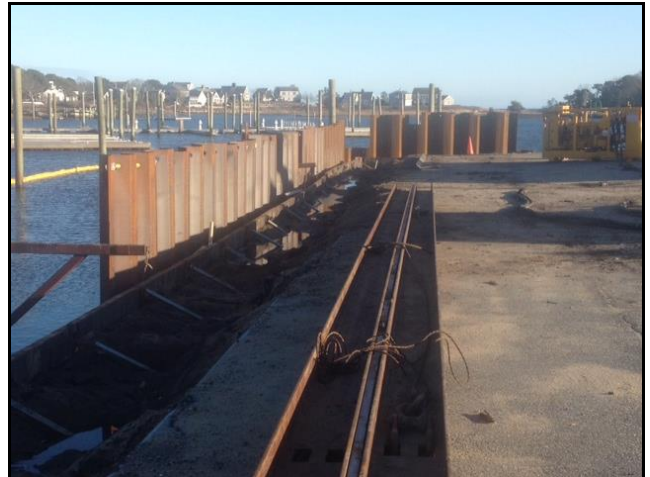


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Allen Harbor Bulkhead Replacement



The replacement of the main bulkhead at Allen Harbor landing is well on its way. The work is being conducted by Robert B Our Co. The existing timber bulkhead is approximately 190 linear feet and is being replaced with steel sheeting that is coated with a coal tar epoxy. In addition to the replacement bulkhead, new 30 amp electrical outlets will be installed for the larger town slips, new plumbing for fresh water, and new parking lot posts and LED lighting. Estimated completion date of the project is the first week of May. The main bulkhead replacement project is phase one of the total project; phase two will be completed next fall and will include the re-grading of the parking lot with a pervious concrete drainage system, the construction of a bulkhead on the south end of the parking lot, and the renewal of the fixed pier. The town has received a state public access grant through the Department of Fish & Game that provides funding for 62% of the total project cost, leaving the town to fund the remaining 38%.

Marine 77



The Harbormaster Dept commissioned its new multi-mission patrol boat on October 4, 2013. Marine 77 has already proven to be a very capable resource during several maritime assistance cases. Built by Eastern Boats, the 27' hull is equipped with twin 200hp outboard engines, an enclosed cabin, tow post, dive door, davit with winch, and installed 2 1/2" piping for marine firefighting. With the approval of Town Meeting, we will be purchasing a portable 500 GPM pump and fire monitor that can be quickly rigged to the installed piping for response to marine fires.

Long Pond Mooring Fields



Three small public mooring fields will be established this coming season (2014) on Long Pond. There will be 4-5 moorings on the West End of the pond, 8 moorings at Fernandes Bog, and 3-4 moorings at Cahoon Landing. Initial assignment of moorings will be done by lottery at the 23 April Waterways Committee public meeting; once moorings are assigned waitlists will be created. The public moorings will be set, hauled, serviced, inspected and provided by the Harbormaster Dept. Public mooring permit holders will be limited to a boat overall length of 21 ft or less. Moorings will be available to permit holders during the boating season of Memorial Day to Columbus Day.

Wychmere Town Pier

The Town has received a \$1,225,600 state Seaport Advisory Council Grant to replace the failing Wychmere Fish Pier and the adjacent timber and steel bulkheads. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,704,000, leaving the Town's share at \$478,400, which if approved at Town Meeting will be funded from harbor receipts. The current pier which is underwater at extreme high tides, has reached the end of its service life due to extensive deterioration of the structure. It currently has a weight limitation that precludes trucks in excess of $\frac{3}{4}$ ton from accessing the pier, which poses a



safety concern and limits the offloading operations of our commercial fishing fleet. Commercial fishing has been conducted out of Wychmere Harbor since 1887 when a channel was dug by hand from the coastal pond Mere out to Nantucket Sound. The land where Wychmere pier and landing currently sits was donated to the Town in 1927 by the Gray family as a permanent location for the commercial fisherman. The Wychmere Town Pier is a very important asset the Town, and upgrades are needed to fully capitalize on the true economic potential of the Harbor.

Saquatucket Marina Parking



During the height of the boating season there is a parking shortage; measures need to be implemented to ensure priority of the harbor facility vehicle parking spaces is given to the paying slip permit holders. This season we will reserve a row of parking (34 spaces) in the West Lot for slip permit holders only; one seasonal parking pass will be issued to each slip permit holder. Another measure that is being explored is paid parking; a Park then Pay at Meter proposal has been briefed to the WWC. Also the purchase of the Downey Property would provide over-flow parking, plus other opportunities for the future growth of our Municipal Marina.