



TOWN OF HARWICH
WATERWAYS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 6:00 PM

Attendance and Introductions:

Call to Order: 6:03pm

Members Present: Tom Themistos, Chairman; Dan Hall, Vice Chairman; Kent Druschella; Joe Johnson; Dan Casey

Members Absent: Roger Peterson; Larry Brutti; Jay Walpole

Others Present: John Rendon, Harbormaster; Heinz Proft, Natural Resources Director; Charlie Agro, Coastal Engineering; Paul Wittenstein, Guest; Glen Fernandes, Guest; Mark Kelleher, Guest;

MINUTES: A motion was made by Kent Druschella to Approve the Minutes for January 20, 2021. Seconded by Joe Johnson. All members were unanimous. Please note, there was no February 2021 Waterways Committee Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

OPEN FORUM:

FINANCIAL REPORT: Presented by Harbormaster Rendon

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Maintenance Dredging and Additional Fender Pile – 16 Harbor Road (Manning). Coastal Engineering Co., Inc. Concerns expressed by the Harbormaster and agreed upon by the Committee members on adding an additional piling would have a negative effect on navigation in an already tight area. The Committee suggested reinforcement of the present pilings which have previously been approved. The petitioner was asked to revisit the suggestions and come back to the Committee with revisions. A motion was made by Dan Hall to table this request till further info is obtained and a revised plan is submitted. Seconded by Kent Druschella. All members were unanimous.

2. Modification of existing seasonal permit for production of Sugar Kelp to include Bay Scallops – Kelleher Farms (Mark Kelleher) Concerns expressed by the Harbormaster regarding the line that would be placed in the water may have a negative effect on navigation. Also, Harwich does not have such areas that could be used. It was suggested that the petitioner consider placing the lines further out and they could go directly to the Selectmen for direction. A motion was made by Kent Druschella to deny the application as presented due to concerns for navigation and location issues. Seconded by Dan Hall. All members were unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Board of Selectmen: Nothing this month

Harbormaster: Harbormaster Rendon spoke briefly on the monthly report

Natural Resource Officer: Natural Resources Director Proft spoke briefly on the Herring River cleaning, and work to be done with AmeriCorps.

CORRESPONDANCE:

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday April 21, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Dan Hall to adjourn at 7:23PM, seconded by Joe Johnson, all members were unanimous.

Minutes recorded by: Leah McPherson

Tom Themistos, Waterways Committee Chairman
Signed Date: