



Observer Report

HARBORS AND WATERS BOARD - September 12, 2022

LWVM Observer: Kathy Breslin

Location: Harbormaster's quarters, 9 Ferry Lane (in person)

Members present: John Daub, Ken Breen, Jay Michaud, Clarke Smith, Peter Dragonis, Rick Cuzner. Mark Souza, Harbormaster

Meeting Summary

Harbor Plan Presentation by Emily Innes: Emily Innes, principal at Innes Associates, presented to the board a summary of the Draft Recommendations of the Marblehead Harbor Plan they have been working on with Tighe and Bond, engineers. The next step will be to prioritize the recommendations from the Woods Hole Group report done in 2020. A strategic plan will need to be developed. There will be a stakeholder meeting on September 14, 2022, including the Harbors and Waters Board for more input as well as a hybrid public forum on September 21, 2022, at Abbot Hall. The public will eventually be able to interact online with the GIS document that Innes Associates and Tighe and Bond will prepare in the next month. As new data is collected via this interactive online site, recommendations and priorities will evolve. A rough draft for recommended actions will be formulated at the end of the month. Then it will be sent to Becky Curran, Town Planner, for review over several weeks. Once the implementation process begins, along with prioritization of projects, Innes Associates will identify potential funding sources in order that grants can be applied for to at least partially finance the Harbor Plan. The National Sea Grant Program has funded this first stage of the three-stage Harbor Plan.

Parkers Boatyard update: There is a new boat lift/hoist up and running. The use of the hoist has requirements approved by Town Counsel. Operators are required to have a 3A permit. This includes trained town employees and certain commercial fishermen and commercial services. There is an annual fee to use the hoist. Lift use requires that the purpose will be "useful for the harbor." If small boats were to use the hoist they would need a town employee to operate it and have stamped (certified) lifting straps on the boat.

Harbormaster Report: A new pump station has been installed. Crocker's float is out of the water. We are waiting to hear from Dave Haley on the rest of the float removal. Appreciation was given by the Board to Mark Souza on helping with the successful running of the Star Worlds Regatta. There have been no complaints about outside dining at the Landing. It was stated that the State may not permit outside dining next year. The Chamber of Commerce has announced that the recipients for this year's Harbor Award will be the Harbors and Waters Board and the Disabilities Commission, considering the installation of the first Hoyer lift which is at State Street Landing. A Hoyer lift at Stramski's for next year was suggested to help with ADA compliance in the West Harbor.