



## OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

### **Harbors and Waters Board Meeting -November 6, 2023**

Meeting In Person

LWVM Observer- Kathy Breslin

Members present: Gary Gregory, John Daub, Ken Breen, Jay Michaud, Clark Smith.

Alternates present: Rick Cuzner, Chris Hood, Peter Dragonas

**Commercial fisherman's trash at State Street.** Harbormaster Mark Souza reported that the Marblehead Rec and Parks Dept has been emptying the trash barrels at the State Street Landing but has been finding a lot of fishermen's trash (bait boxes, etc.) next to the barrels which they will not pick up. Jay Michaud stated that it is a longstanding issue and that they need to find the culprits and fine them as it's not fair to the public who also use this area. It was mentioned that Rec and Parks no longer has a packer truck which could accommodate large volumes of trash. They are using a dump truck, and the workers would have to lift the large pieces of trash up high to get into the truck which is difficult. The Board of Health posted signs regarding the litter ordinance, but they were taken down by unknown people. The Harbormaster sent a letter to the commercial fishermen. Many responded and said it was appropriate to address this problem. Large bait boxes are also being left next to the trash bin at the Commercial Street Wharf which Rec and Parks will not pick up. A suggestion was made for next Town Meeting to request a packer truck for Rec and Parks so that they would be better able to pick up the boxes.

**Declare the 2014 Ford Explorer surplus.** This was voted on favorably.

**Discuss capital budget needs with estimated retained earnings.** The town has not yet closed out the Harbors and Waters Board Fiscal Year 2023 budget. It was decided to hold off on any other capital outlays until we get an amount for certified free cash from the past year.

**Harbormaster's Report.** 80% of those on the mooring/ring waitlist have already paid their dues online using ACH on the new software system. The ADA compliant ramp between Ferry Lane and the State Street Landing railings are being finalized. The gangways all were taken up on schedule. They are doing an in-water inspection before taking them out and afterward.

New lease to Marblehead Trading Company for Cliff Street: Gary Gregory has asked Becky Curran Cutting to send him the lease for review.