



## **OBSERVER REPORT**

**HARBORS AND WATERS BOARD** August 7, 2023, in person, at the Harbormaster's Office  
Meeting held In-Person, Not recorded  
LWVM Observer: Kathy Breslin

Commissioners in attendance: Gary Gregory, John Daub, Jay Michaud, Ken Breen, Rick Cuzner (alternate). Commissioners absent: Clark Smith, Peter Dragonas (alternate), Chris Hood (alternate)

### **AGENDA**

The meeting was called to order and July minutes approved.

### **Port Security Grant Update**

Harbormaster, Mr. Scott Souza, reported that the federal grant has been approved for a new security boat to replace the Stacey Clark which is 19 years old. Ms. Jennifer Smith, in Ms. Becky Curran Cutting's office, has worked hard with Mr. Souza to obtain grant approval. This grant is not a part of any Marblehead Town grant. Mr. Souza has been in touch with Jessie Munson, of Washington State, where the boat will be built. Mr. Munson has arranged a similar boat for Braintree Fire Dept in the past as well as the NYC Police Dept. The welds are guaranteed for life. The hull warrantee is 25 years. The cost of the vessel is \$500,000+/-, with the grant covering 75% and the Harbors and Waters covering the remaining 25%, or \$135,000. The proceeds from retiring the Stacey Clark will go toward the \$135,000. The new boat will be a 31 ft Pac Cat, an aluminum tri-hull, 11 ft beam, that can land on a beach. It will have a pumping capacity of 1,000 gal/min. All electronics are Garmin. It is similar to the Charlestown, MA, police boat. Build time is 1-1/2 years and it is expected to be ready in Spring, 2025. Money will be paid when the boat is built.

### **Harbormaster report**

Mr. Souza stated that recent social media reports about the State Street Ladies bathroom being locked were incorrect. The door is simply tight and hard to open, but is unlocked.

Two signs provided by Rec and Parks were shown which state "No jumping or swimming from pier." These will be installed at Stramski's piers.

The Marblehead Yacht Club roof repair begins on August 10.

Dockwa is on pace and collected \$38,000 year to date. Dockwa rental fees are \$10/hr for docks and \$8/hr. for moorings.

There have been few complaints about Brown's (Crowningshield) Island.