



OBSERVER REPORT

HARBORS AND WATERS BOARD: 1/3/2022 via Zoom
LWVM Observer: Kathy Breslin

Members in Attendance: Gary Gregory (chair), John Doub, Ken Breen, Jay Michaud, Clark Smith, Chris Hood (alternate), Peter Dragonas (alternate), Richard Cuzner (alternate).

Also present: Mark Souza, Harbormaster, and Barbara Warren (Salem Sound Coastwatch) as well as members of the public.

Meeting posted 48 hours in advance: yes
Meeting held in a handicapped accessible location: N/A
Public allowed to participate in the meeting: yes
Minutes posted from the previous meeting: yes AGENDA

December minutes approved.

Permit rates discussion for Town Meeting Article. Rate increases were discussed for moorings, floats, and rings in both harbors. It was decided that the fees will be lower for the West harbor to reflect less services there. Rate increases passed at Town Meeting in 2018 for floats have not yet been put into place. A letter of explanation will go out to those affected.

Budget FY23 Updates and Approvals: not discussed

Quonset Hut/Cliff St Boatyard Updates: Mr. Gregory and Mr. Souza have contacted Ms. Rebecca Cutting, Town Planner, asking about creating a new 10-year contract for leasing the Cliff St. boatyard up to bid, before the current contract expires in 3 years. This would allow the winning bidder to have 10 years to amortize the construction of a new Quonset hut to replace the present one which is in very poor condition. Ms. Cutting is looking into whether or not a new lease can be offered and include permission to the lessor to build a new building. This issue is governed by State Law, Chapter 30B and she doesn't have an answer yet.

A comment was made about changing the name of Parker's Boatyard to Burgess Landing but it was not included on the Agenda.

Coastal Resiliency Grant to Town from Coastal Zone Management (CZM):

Presented by Ms. Barbara Warren from Salem Sound Coastwatch.

From 2019 to 2020 the first grant was received by Town, focusing on Marblehead Harbor (Little Harbor, Fort Beach, State St Landing), The Harbormaster's building, MMLD, Ocean Ave, causeway, and Devereux Beach. There was a presentation by the Woods Hole Group re coastal flooding. The second grant focused on the MMLD.

Goals for the second grant include long-(through 2070) and short-term adaptation options for coastal resilience around the Parker's Boatyard, MMLD, Hammond Park, Commercial Street access, MYC, Cliff St Boatyard, while expanding public access and water activities. Adaptations may include modular seawalls (which can be added to as sea levels rise) and self-rising tide gates protecting MMLD. The total cost for the proposed project is \$203,703.

The grant from CZM is almost \$152,000. The Town will need to come up with a 25% match, almost \$52,000. MMLD is contributing almost half of the match for the Town.

The grant covers concept designs; those agreed upon will be submitted to engineering for cost estimates. There will be a f/u grant for design and likely another grant for implementation. All these parcels will need public input and chapter 91 licenses for filled wetlands. Outreach to commercial fishermen, recreational boaters will be included.

Budget: no changes from last meeting