

## **Cohasset Historical Commission Minutes of Meeting June 14th, 2021, Zoom Meeting**

Members present: Jacqueline Dormitzer, Suzanne Wadsworth, Julia Gleason, Mark St. Onge, Megan Elder

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

### **Tim Davis and Harbor Committee Plan**

Tim Davis, Harbor Committee Chair, shared that there is a long list of suggested projects in the harbor over the next 5-10 years; at this point everything is conceptual, but he assured the Commission that preserving the town's historic assets is important to the Committee.

#### **Key Projects**

- A lift system at Government Island that would aid fishermen with heavy lifting out of boats.
- New granite pier at Government Island which will be three feet higher than the current pier. The higher pier takes into consideration sea level rise and also helps fishermen move items from their boat to the pier.
- Widening the Captain's Walk path so that people can comfortably walk around the edge of the harbor over to Government Island. The Cohasset Harbor Inn project will be a big piece of this, so they're currently working closely with that particular group.
- Potential for a pedestrian bridge to Government Island.

Tim confirmed that there are no plans to expand the Government Island parking lot into the current grassy park area.

#### **Concerns still to be addressed:**

- Flooding - This is a priority for the group; no concrete plans on how it will be addressed.
- Native American artifacts - This is important but the Harbor Committee needs help determining how it should be handled.
- Environmental impact of proposed infrastructure - Cohasset Conservation Commission has been reached out to and Tim is hopeful that the group will participate in the project.
- Ensuring the area is not made into a tourist attraction similar to the Plymouth Harbor area.

### **Historic Commission Brochure Update**

No tangible progress has been made, but a good deal of reading and research has taken place. The group will be sensitive to how minorities and people of color are covered in the brochure given how sensitive the topic currently is. It was generally decided that the brochure would not focus on people, but more center around the historical structures and places of Cohasset.

**Captain's Walk Update**

Harbor Committee members George Baumgarten and Mike Sardina requested that Mariners Park be included in the Captain's Walk updates. Jackie thinks this would be acceptable. Jackie has additionally taken extensive notes on each stop along the Captain's Walk which she'll share with the Commission for feedback. For signage graphics, Jackie proposed taking the large Captain's Walk map and using sections of it for each individual sign. The group liked this idea and thought it was a good way to unify the whole set.

**MPIC Report**

Julia emailed Katie Dugan about where the anchor was going to go in the updates; she hadn't yet heard back at the time of the Commission meeting. There was more discussion on how best to tie the village with the harbor. Selectman, Corey Evans, spoke at the MPIC meeting on this topic.

**Unanticipated Business**

Jackie drafted a press release for the Mariner on the Commission's recent projects - the oil house updates and the fisherman's well marker. The Commission can provide feedback, otherwise Jackie will be sending to the Mariner later in the week.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Elder, Secretary