

Town of Cohasset, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025
Cohasset Harbor Infrastructure Planning (“CHIP”)
Working Group Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 29, 2021 4pm

Agenda

- Welcome
- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
- Report on progress from CHIP Working Group
 - Review Parker Avenue Boat Ramp project
 - Review Captain’s Walk project
 - Review Government Island Dock/Pier/Lift System project
 - Review and discuss potential Breakwater renovation and improvement
 - Review Funding request
- Discuss next steps

Attendees (via Zoom)

Tim Davis (CHIP)
George Baumgarten (CHIP)
Mike Sardina (CHIP)
Paula Curran
Julia Gleason
Lisa Hewitt-Dick
Emily Innes
Lauren Lind
George McGoldrick
Eric Penanhoat
Peter Pescatore
Pat Sullivan
Susan Wadsworth
Sam Wakeman

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Discussion / Minutes

CHIP Notional Timelines

(George Baumgarten, CHIP)

- Reviewed *CHIP Notional Timelines (Draft 2021-06-29)* (since posted on Town of Cohasset website).
- Tim Davis requested additional items be added to the timeline:
 - Cohasset Harbor Governance Working Group.
 - Shellfish Bylaw. Initial draft by Lisa Hewitt-Dick is in progress. Kelp farming, a form of aquaculture, was mentioned.

Parker Avenue Boat Ramp

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

An easement for Cohasset Harbor Marina will be needed for construction and use impinging on property.

Government Island Dock/Pier/Lift

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Carlos Pena, engineer, is expected to provide update in July’s CHIP meeting or Cohasset Harbor Committee meeting. Carlos needs 1 document from Town of Cohasset complete proposal that will be submitted to Seaport Economic Council.
- New design will build timber pier abutting existing wharf and will include a conveyor and hoist system and gantry that can move conveyor system to higher ground in case of inclement weather.

Town Dock Conveyor System

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Project is moving forward on schedule (installation summer 2021).

Breakwater remediation

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- At king tides, moontides & Nor'easter, breakwater is overtopped on a regular basis.
- There's been some discussion of extending breakwater closer to channel (toward existing green can), and increasing the height.
- Breakwater is in a FEMA velocity zone.
- Chris Senior and Tim Davis met with Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator of Scituate, who has indicated that Town of Scituate would transfer jurisdiction to town of Cohasset.
- Project requires support from Coastal Zone Management and Army Corp of Engineers.

Seawall status

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Bassings Beach is a natural barrier. CHIP plans to collaborate with CSCR and work with private owners to ensure Bassings Beach continues to serve as a good barrier. Eel grass is a natural protector.
- Cohasset Harbor Marina – is planning to raise seawalls.
- CSCR / Mariner's Park. Seawall is overtopped occasionally.
- CSC. Seawall is overtopped occasionally.
- Mill River Marine. Seawalls have been raised during last renovation.
- Border St. Need to review Seawalls.
- Cohasset Harbor Inn.
- Oaks estate & Howard Gleason Rd. Seawall is overtopped occasionally.
- CYC. In process of addressing their tidal / sea level rise issues.

Mill River Marine / Atlantica Update

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Mill River Marine & Atlantica are now under same private ownership.
- Lots of interesting ideas for future use.
- CHIP is emphasizing public accommodation and accessibility to the public.

Dredging

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Lobster boats cannot use channel at minus tides.
- Cohasset needs a long term plan for a regular maintenance dredging program.

Captain's Walk updates

(Mike Sardina, CHIP)

- Request for funding for graphics submitted to Town Manager and reviewed with MPIC, which will be important to tie to Elm St Corridor projects.
- Requested a Land Survey ("Shot Survey") to serve as foundation for engineering drawings.

- Jackie Dormitzer of Cohasset Historical Commission is circulating plans for new signage in the area of new development that will replace Cohasset Harbor Inn.

(Emily Innes, Innes Associates Ltd.)

Emily reviewed two memorandums and identifying Community One Stop for Growth, a single place at State of MA to request grants.

- Captain's Walk/Elm Street/Village Link (6/15/2021).
- Prioritization of MHP Actions for Infrastructure (6/15/2021).

Tim Davis, CHIP

- Cohasset Historical Commission desires close collaboration with CHIP on Captain's Walk planning.
- Diane Kennedy of the Select Board is assisting CHIP to facilitate funding for graphics.
- Tim Davis and Mike Sardina are members of the Elm St Corridor Working Group. There is more work to be done with the neighbors abutting Elm St. and what this project means to Cohasset.

Parking

- Cohasset Harbor Inn redevelopment. George McGoldrick responded to a question from Julia Gleason that there is no plan for underground parking. Instead, parking for the 23 planned units is planned to be at grade.
- Other ideas that have been mentioned to address lack of parking (Tim Davis).
 - Government Island. A proposed new access road on Border Street enabling a circular access to the parking lot behind the Lightkeeper's cottage.
 - Jitney service from train station to village to harbor.

Meeting adjourned.