

**Town of Cohasset, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025**  
**Cohasset Harbor Infrastructure Planning (“CHIP”)**  
**Working Group Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 20, 2021 6pm**

**Agenda**

- Welcome
- 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 Grant process and Funding request
- Discuss next steps

**Attendees (via Zoom)**

Tim Davis (CHIP)  
George Baumgarten (CHIP)  
Mike Sardina (CHIP)  
Lorri Gibbons (CHIP)  
Michelle Leary  
Brianna Bennett  
Sam Wakeman  
Lisa Hewitt-Dick  
Paula Curran  
Eric Crews  
Dan De Vlieger  
Carlos Pena

**Discussion / Minutes**

## Breakwater renovation and improvement

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Chris Senior and Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator of Scituate, met. Tim stated that Scituate is happy to hand over jurisdiction of breakwater to Cohasset. Cohasset Town Counsel is needed to draft agreement.

## New Shellfish Constable

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Rick Barrow is Cohasset’s new Shellfish Constable. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss shell fish issues.

## Dredging

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

Harbor dredging is organized into four sections:

1. Harbor Channel. Whitehead to breakwater is filling in – most urgent.
2. Mooring Field. Can be dredged later.
3. Cove. OK.
4. Bailey’s Creek. There will be dredging contracted by Cohasset Harbor Marina.

## Seawall maintenance

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Cohasset Yacht Club. Eric & Paula will address later.
- Howard Gleason Road in need.

## Mooring List

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Tim Davis and Brianna Bennett will discuss.
- Harbormaster Lorri Gibbons has a plan.

## Captain's Walk

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Initial concept and surveys awaiting funding. Town Manager and Select Board meeting tonight to discuss.

(Mike Sardina, CHIP)

- Progress to plan Captain's Walk is dependent upon survey of Border St to Margin St. Mike Sardina volunteered to mark up an aerial survey to show limitations of current documentation, and help define the scope of the survey that is needed.

## Working Groups - Planning Coordination

(Lauren Lind)

- Lauren introduce Brianna Bennett, ([bbennett@cohassetma.org](mailto:bbennett@cohassetma.org)), who will run point with Lauren Lind to coordinate planning across working groups.

## Cohasset Harbor Commission

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Cohasset Harbor Commission is interested in improving the site of the former well located in the triangle between Margin and Border streets across from the Cohasset Harbor Inn.
- There is high interest in enhancing the historical references from private owners around the harbor including George McGoldrick and Ted Lubitz of CHP, and from Tom Sullivan. Contact with Jerry Butler has not happened to date.

## Parker Avenue Boat Ramp

(Carlos Pena, Senior Client Manager, Ports & Harbors, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC)

- 8/26/2021. Scheduled meeting of Seaport Economic Council to consider funding request for Boat Ramp. Carlos is in process of updating bid documents to reflect 8/26 date. Seaport Economic Council recommends that Cohasset does NOT submit for bids until after 8/26 meeting.
- Target start date for construction continues to be October 2021 with target completion late winter.
- Easement discussions are in process with Cohasset Harbor Marina.

(Tim Davis)

- Design of new boat ramp
  - Allows use at all tides.
  - Wide enough to simultaneously accommodate two boats.

(Lorri Gibbons, Cohasset Harbormaster)

- There are three lights at boat ramp at this time, will be maintained with new ramp, allowing for non-daylight use if necessary.

## Government Island Dock/ Pier/ Lift

(Carlos Pena)

- Borings taken recently have identified ledge. Pier will use steel piles.
- Per earlier discussions, plans will raise the end of the wharf by 2 feet.
- Permit plans in process.
- Schedule. Expectation is to apply in February 2022 for construction funding in Summer 2022.

(Sam Wakeman)

- Noted that town capital budgeting process requires advance notice if applications to Seaport Economic Council require town matching.

(Lauren Lind)

- Lauren is planning to meet with Town Manager and Michelle Leary (Procurement) in August. Will request and review all requests for grants related to town of Cohasset.

(Lisa Hewitt-Dick)

- Lisa noted that State of MA is anticipating \$5b of Federal funding for infrastructure, supposed to be targeted for covid-related work, but expects this to be extended.

(Tim Davis)

- Spoke with Tim Norton, close relationship with Senator Patrick O'Conner.

## Town Dock Conveyor System

(Lorri Gibbons)

- Insurance requirements for Conveyor are in discussion lead by Michelle Leary and Lorri, and are a dependency for installation to proceed.
- Schedule. Targeted for ordering and installation in next 2-4 months.

6:40pm Meeting adjourned.