

**Town of Cohasset, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025
Cohasset Harbor Implementation Planning (“CHIP”) Working Group
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 4pm**

Agenda

- Welcome
 - Approve minutes from prior meeting(s)
- Update on 2021 Initiatives
 - Shellfish Constable
 - Shellfish Bylaw & Breakwater Jurisdiction with Scituate
 - Parker Avenue Boat Ramp Project
 - Captain’s Walk Survey & Funding Request
 - Government Island Dock/Pier/Lift System Project
 - Harbor/Channel Dredging
 - Cohasset Channel Navigational Buoys
 - Grants & Funding for Harbor Projects

Attendees (via Zoom)

Tim Davis (CHIP)
George Baumgarten (CHIP)
Mike Sardina (CHIP)
Lorri Gibbons (CHIP) (Town of Cohasset)
Brianna Bennett (Town of Cohasset)
Michelle Leary (Town of Cohasset)
Lauren Lind (Town of Cohasset)
Paula Curran
Lisa Hewitt-Dick
Josh Kimball
Mike Lane
Carlos Pena
Peter Pescatore
Matt Marr
Sam Wakeman

Discussion / Minutes

Parker Avenue Boat Ramp Project

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

- In process of securing funding
- According to Asst Exec Director of Seaport Economic Council, delay & funding restrictions are due to Covid. ETA on approval targeted 8/30-9/3

Government Island Dock/ Pier/ Lift System Project

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

- Formal drawings presented
- Plan shows federal harbor limits, topography & resource areas
- Features
 - 30’x150’ long timber pier, raised to elevation 16’
 - Granite façade on timber pier will match existing pier
 - Capped with asphalt
 - Hoists
- “Permit Plans” will show plan and cross sections

From Mike Sardina to Carlos

- Q: 5’ proposed stairs with ramp? A: Carlos agreed to move back
- Q: Steps from timber pier?

From George Baumgarten to Carlos

- Q: Regarding pg 13 chart showing projections of sea level rise in 2018 UMass Report, how does plan address sea level rise projections? A: Pier will be raised almost 3’ from 13’6” to 16”.

From Sam Wakeman to Carlos

- Q: What is total cost estimate? How much will Seaport Economic Council fund? A: Process is to get town to approve plan first, then start estimating and discussing cost

From Matt Marr to Carlos

- Floats. Q: Does design eliminate approx. 10' of float? A: End float will be replaced to support conveyor and ramp. Conveyor will be placed between new pier and northerly gangway. New float design will be 10' shorter than current – will accommodate maximum two boats
- Q: Where is top of conveyor? A: Will be at existing grade of existing wharf
- Q: How will boats be accessed on Scituate side of pier, with a ladder? A: will be tide-dependent

From Mike Lane to Carlos

- It'd be good to add two steel ladders to NE side to allow usage by up to two boats, particularly at high tide.

Next Steps from Tim Davis

- Obtain town sign-off so we can move forward with permitting process

Minutes from prior meetings

Minutes from 6/29 & 7/20 approved by CHIP members

Shellfish Constable

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Rick Barrow, Cohasset's new Shellfish Constable, did not attend today's meeting. Topic deferred.

Shellfish Bylaw & Breakwater Jurisdiction with Scituate

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Cohasset Town Counsel is needed to draft agreement regarding transfer of jurisdiction of breakwater to Cohasset

Captain's Walk Survey & Funding Request

(Brianna Bennett, Energy & Environmental Assistant, Town of Cohasset)

- Phase 1 – Town of Cohasset has requested a proposal for a property line survey by John Cavanaro
- Phase 2 – topographic maps that show ownership
- These will be followed by a design RFP

Harbor/Channel Dredging

(Tim Davis, CHIP)

- Lorri Gibbons will set up a call with Army Corps of Engineers. Contact is on vacation til early September
- From Sam Wakeman
- Q: Would it make sense to have town of Cohasset hire dredging contractor to do a maintenance dredging? A: (Lorri) Can happen in the channel only. Could dump at near shore disposal site (Minot Beach). Could cost approx. \$18,000 per day. Dredger could make 5 trips at 350 Cubic ft of sand. Expenses would take three days to do work plus travel time to next port. Green Harbor does this.. Cannot widen channel without Congressional approval.

Cohasset Channel Navigational Buoys

(Tim Davis with Lorri Gibbons)

- Approach Coast Guard to re-install Can #9 to mark harbor channel off Whitehead. It can get very shallow there. Lorri requested Coast Guard several years ago to re-install #7 Green Can. Request was denied.

Grants & Funding for Harbor Projects

(Tim Davis with Brianna Bennett)

Brianna has drafted a worksheet identifying opportunities for grants@cohassetma.org. Will investigate sharing via dropbox

Meeting adjourned 4:55pm