

Town of Wareham

Marine Resources Commission

Meeting date: August 10, 2016

Attendees: Larry Bearse, Warren Hall Jr., Don Jepson, Jim Smith, Dick Wheeler, Garry Buckminster, Kenneth Buckland

The meeting opened at 6:00 PM

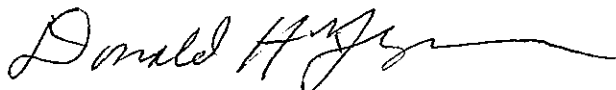
The meeting notes for the July meeting were read and approved.

The meeting was moved up to open at 6:00 PM at the request of Garry Buckminster so that the interim Town Planner could attend. Garry had reported at an earlier MRC meeting that he had met with the interim Town Planner to seek his support and input regarding submitting an application to the Army Corps of Engineers to do maintenance dredging of the Wareham River channel. The Town Planner was given a copy of the support package that Garry had found on the internet that was submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding dredging of the Saco River channel. It was agreed that the support package submitted by the towns of Saco and Biddeford Maine appears to be a good template. The members indicated that the Army Corps of Engineers' website was not helpful to determine what the application process entails. It was agreed that subsequent to the night's meeting Garry would meet with Ken to ascertain the procedure required to apply to the Army Corps of Engineers. At a March selectmen's meeting the selectmen voted to write a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers asking that they dredge the Wareham River. No one in attendance at the meeting was knowledgeable as to whether a letter had been sent.

Subsequent to the Town Planner leaving the MRC meeting to attend a Planning Committee meeting Garry Buckminster provided updates on various projects he has in process. He reported that bids have gone out to repair/ replace the Onset boat ramp. He indicated that GAF Engineering has completed the engineering necessary to replace the concrete floating docks at the Onset Pier. Regarding Onset Pier, a full condition survey has been completed. A grant application has been submitted for engineering to repair the pier. Garry reported that town owned moorings and the launch service in Onset Harbor were very much utilized during July.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

I attest these are the true MRC minutes of the meeting held August 10, 2016.



Donald H. Jepson, Chairman

Please cc: Board of Selectmen, Harbormaster Office.