

Town of Wareham

Marine Resources Commission

Meeting date: March 9, 2016

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

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM

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

Garry Buckminster provided information regarding his meeting with Coast Guard and their plans to remove four navigational aids in the harbor area of the Wareham River. Garry indicated that he offered a compromise plan to them whereby they would remove two, rather than four navigational aids. He indicated that they opined that his proposal seemed fair, but they did not commit at the meeting to what he proposed, that the Town purchase and maintain two navigational aids and the Coast Guard maintain two.

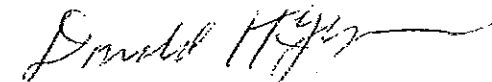
Garry then shared with those present a support package that he'd found online where the town's abutting the Saco River in Maine provided letters to their political representatives soliciting their support in gaining Army Corps of Engineer's budgeting for dredging the river. The letters were from town officials, boatyards, the University of New England in Biddeford and others who identified the economic hardship created by the fact that the river had silted-in and needed to be dredged.

Some discussion was held regarding the need for the Marine Resources Commission to share with the selectmen their thoughts and advice on dredging of the Wareham River. Larry Bearse volunteered to draft a letter to be sent to the selectmen.

The members reviewed the draft of the communication form that Larry Bearse drafted that can be used to provide information to the selectmen. The form has multiple check off blocks to identify various communication subjects; i.e. Meeting Minutes, Action Recommended, No Action Recommended, Commission In Favor, Commission Not In Favor, More Info Needed, Info Only, Further Study Needed. The members present indicated that they liked the form and agreed that it would be beneficial to have the template accessible through the Town's website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

I attest these are the true MRC minutes of the meeting held March 9, 2016.



Donald H. Jepson, Chairman

Please cc: Board of Selectmen, Harbormaster Office.