

**MINUTES
TOWN OF HARWICH
WATERWAYS COMMITTEE
HARWICH CHANNEL STUDIO
COMMUNITY CENTER, 100 OAK STREET
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025 - 6:00PM**

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Dan Hall, Chair, Roger Peterson, Larry Brutti, Richard Shevory and Dan Casey

MEMBERS NOT PARTICIPATING: Joe Johnson and James Walpole

ALSO PARTICIPATING: John Harker, Harbormaster and Stephanie Sykes, Natural Resources Officer

ATTENDANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Mr. Hall opened the meeting of the Harwich Waterways Committee at 6:00PM.

MINUTES:

March 19, 2025 and April 16, 2025 Review and Approval

Mr. Savory moved to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2025 and April 16, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Casey.

Vote: 6:0 in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None

OPEN FORUM

Stephanie Sykes, Natural Resources, introduced herself and gave a description of her background.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 11 Nons Road - Proposed Dock Restoration

Bob Perry of Cape Cod Engineering was present and gave a brief history of the dock and noted that the new owners of the property, the McAbes, are proposing changing the dock to a seasonal float. He described the present dock and proposed restoration in detail. Mr. Perry had previously submitted documents and also distributed hard copies to members. He also showed a chart of the area and the proposed float. Mr. Perry noted that they have not yet gone before the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Harker commented that the Harbor team had gone by the area. He noted that the existing dock needs to be replaced and that he was in favor of the proposed dock using the same foot print. He expressed concern of a vessel with a 15 foot or greater beam being tied to the dock and creating an impediment into

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the channel. Mr. Harker asked what the time frame would be for the work and what kind of vessel would be tied to the dock.

Mr. Perry replied that the license would be in place until November and he anticipates construction prior to January. He acknowledged there may be restrictions from DMF regarding winter flounder which would affect construction scheduling.

Mr. Harker commented that they could work with the shipyards but it will be after December 1st.

Ms. Sykes commented that there was no mitigation recommended as it is replacing an existing structure.

There was a brief conversation about permanent floats.

Mr. Perry commented that they will stay with the proposal as presented.

Mr. Drushella moved to approve the plan as submitted on June 18, 2026 for 11 Nons Road, Harwich, Plan dated March 26, 2025 by Cape Cod Engineering. Seconded by Roger Peterson.

Vote: 6:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Members signed copies for the applicant and the Committee.

2. 69 Snow Inn Road - Proposed Dock Replacement

Dan (last name inaudible) of Tighe & Bond distributed copies of the NOI and referred to Appendix B for the drawings. He described the existing pier and the proposed plan for the replacement dock. He noted that no dredging is included in the proposal.

Mr. Harker noted that the crew had driven by the area to see the existing dock. He agreed with replacing kind with improvements and with preferred alternative. He noted concerns about the timing of the construction regarding the mooring fields and not constricting more of the waterway.

Ms. Sykes commented that there is no recommendation of mitigation for shellfishing.

Mr. Shevory moved to accept the plans at 69 Snow Inn Road, Plan #C101. Seconded by Mr. Peterson.

Vote: 6:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Members signed copies for the applicant and the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Big 3 Wychmere Town Pier Usage Request

Mr. Harker noted that he had done some research into the Harbor Management Plan, what the Harbormaster has to abide by and what can be done to help amend the request. His proposal to the Waterways Committee and to the Tournament was that instead of requiring people to have T permits to go fish in the tournament, if they have a fish that they catch doing the tournament, the Harbormaster will meet them at the dock and sell them a permit while they are landing the fish. He explained the benefits to the procedure as proposed.

Committee members commenting in favor of the proposed plan.

Mr. Drushella moved to make the offer to the Big 3 fishing tournament for the Harbormaster's Plan for the T permit for the fishing tournament. Seconded by Mr. Shevory.

Voter: 6:0 in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Next Meeting Wednesday, July 16, 2025

ADJOURN

Mr. Drushella moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Casey.

Vote: 6:0 in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Moldstad
Board Secretary

Dan Allen
9/3/25