**MINUTES**
**TOWN OF HARWICH**
**WATERWAYS COMMITTEE**
**Harwich Channel Studio**
**Community Center**
**100 Oak Street**
**Wednesday, 17th September, 2025, 6:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Dan Hall, Chair, Roger Peterson, Vice Chair, Kent Drushella Larry Brutti and Rich Shevory

**MEMBERS NOT PARTICIPATING:** Dan Casey

**ALSO PARTICIPATING:** John Harker, Harbormaster, Stephanie Sykes, Director of Natural Resources

**ATTENDANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Mr. Hall called the meeting of the Waterways Committee to order on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 6:00PM and asked members in the audience to identify themselves. Present were: Mark Burgess, Eric Scramstead of the Harwich Ponds Coalition, Patrick Otton, Mark Kelleher, Select Board Liaison, Bill Lionetta, Paul Thomas of Allen Harbor.

**MINUTES: August 20th, 2025 Review & Approval**

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the Minutes of August 20, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Shevory.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA: None**

**OPEN FORUM:**

John Harker, Harbormaster introduced Andrew Souza as the new Deputy Harbormaster.

Mr. Harker gave the monthly Financial Report noting that it has been a strong year for revenue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Discussion- updating and adoption of language prohibiting boat washing, flushing, and/or rising of vessels and trailers after saltwater use at Long Pond public access boat ramps

Mr. Harker noted concerns and that Stephanie Sykes has made suggestions for changing the wording which she will present for the Committee's review.

Ms. Sykes presented and explained her suggested changes to the Harbor Management Plan. She also noted suggested changes to the regulations for public access to boat ramps, noting concerns regarding boats being washed and/or flushed at the public ramps.

Mr. Shevory moved to postpone adoption of language prohibiting boat washing, flushing, and/or rising of vessels and trailers after saltwater use at Long Pond public access boat ramps, for the Committee to review and the public to comment. Seconded by Roger Peterson.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Harker noted that all comments can be sent to the Harbormaster's Office.

2. 32 Dunes Road- proposed dock and walkway replacement

Mark Burgess of Shorefront Consulting gave a detailed description of the proposed dock and walkway replacement. He had a detailed plan which showed the proposed dock and surrounding waterway.

Mr. Harker, Ms. Sykes and Committee members asked questions and expressed concerns which Mr. Burgess addressed and answered in detail.

Mr. Peterson moved to accept the Plan as proposed, Plan #CS-276. Seconded by Mr. Shevory.

Victor: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Committee members signed the Plan.

3. 31 Mill Road- proposed dock replacement

Mr. Burgess presented the plan for the 31 Mill Road- proposed dock replacement which included changes suggested by Conservation. He noted what Conservation suggested and explained the challenges. He described the proposed dock replacement in detail including solutions to the challenges. Mr. Burgess showed the proposed dock and surrounding area on the Plan.

Mr. Harker, Ms. Sykes and Committee members expressed concerns and asked questions which Mr. Burgess addressed and answered in detail.

Mr. Harker noted specific amendments that he would make to the plan and provide to Mr. Burgess prior to the Waterways Committee's next meeting for a possible vote.

Mr. Drushella moved to continue Case # C217 as shown until next meeting when the verbiage will be changed. Seconded by Larry Brutti.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 37 Nons Road- proposed new dock construction

Mr. Burgess presented the plan for 37 Nons Road and the proposed new dock construction which described in detail including changes to the previous plan. He had a detailed plan which showed the proposed dock and surrounding waterway.

Mr. Harker expressed his concerns about encroachment into the channel. He recommended that the plans not be approved and gave his reasons. He also noted that he had received concerns and comments from residents and boaters.

Ms. Sykes also expressed concerns regarding the channel. She recommended that the plans not be approved and gave her reasons.

Mr. Burgess addressed concerns and explained why he feels the plan should be approved.

Committee members also expressed concerns.

Bill Lionetta expressed concerns, noting the challenges to navigating the channel.

Mr. Drushella moved to not endorse Plan # 4188-08 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Peterson.

Discussion followed regarding the process for the applicant going forward.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday October 15th , 2025

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Shevory moved to adjourn. Seconded by Brutti.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Moldstad
Board Secretary

Don Hall WW Chair 10/01/25