

Town of Cohasset, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025
Cohasset Harbor Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 31, 2022 6:00 pm

Agenda

- Review and approve priority projects from the Cohasset Municipal Harbor Plan.

Attendees (via Zoom)

- * George Baumgarten (Citizen at Large)
- * Susan Bryant (CSCR rep)
- * Eric Crews (Yacht Club Representative)
- * Tim Davis (Chair, Citizen at Large)
- * Lisa Hewitt-Dick (CMI Rep)
- * Sean Kenealy (Sailing Club Representative)
- * Mike Sardina (Citizen at Large)
- Jack Creighton (Chair, Select Board)
- Cassandra Thayer (Town of Cohasset)
- Adam Donovan
- Jackie Dormitzer
- David Farrag
- George McGoldrick
- Debbie Shadd
- Clodagh Stoker-Long
- * denotes member of Harbor Committee

Discussion

Shellfish Bylaw

(Tim Davis, Lisa Hewitt-Dick)

- Governance Working Group is planning to meet June 8 to review draft Shellfish bylaw

Harbor Committee Top Priorities

(George Baumgarten, Tim Davis)

Reviewed initial “Proposed priorities” drafted by George Baumgarten (see Appendix). Will update with changes including:

- Support Commercial Fishing Fleet is top priority.
- Inter-municipal Agreement – Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) covering Cohasset Outer Harbor, Baily’s Creek, Cove.
- Jack Creighton asked on behalf of Select board that priorities identify estimated costs, focus on initiative that can get done, relatively easy to accomplish.
- 2nd draft will be produced merging Tim Davis’s list of priorities (shared verbally) with document reviewed today.
- Next Harbor Committee Meeting targeted for 5-7 days to approve priorities.

Other business

Susan Bryant requested access to video of 5/10/22 meeting. Cassandra will check with Justin.

Meeting Adjourned.

Appendix

Proposed Priorities – George Baumgarten (Draft May 31 2022)

Proposed Priorities	Supporting MHP Priorities
<p>1. Perform MVP and climate resilience planning and action steps to prepare for extreme storms</p>	<p>Planning Goal 7: Integrate and improve Harbor management and uses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action 1.8 Establish inter-municipal agreement between Cohasset and Scituate <p>Planning Goal 3: Identify and plan for appropriate improvements to landside and waterside infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action 3.1 & 3.3 investigate conditions of (3.1) public and private seawalls and (3.3) breakwater and design improvements that consider projections of extreme storms and sea level rise. <p>Planning Goal 8: Identify and address improvements to ecosystem and environmental issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action 3.7 Create an education program around stormwater runoff. ● Action 3.11 Undertake a hazard mitigation plan to integrate the findings from the MVP process (the storm tide pathways study and recent storm modelling) into an implementation plan ● Action 3.12 Evaluate the Town’s current zoning bylaw to either mitigate the impact of stormwater runoff from or flooding on new development in the Harbor. ● Action 3.13 Consider incentives for innovative flood resiliency ● Action 3.15 Evaluate infrastructure owned by the Town (for resilience) during flooding at the varying estimates of SLR and flood projections..
<p>2. Perform Captain’s Walk Planning to enhance public access to the harbor</p>	<p>Planning Goal 2: Support public use of and access to the Harbor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action 4.4 Use the Captain’s Walk as the basis for a Harbor-wide connected public walkway along the water’s edge
<p>3. Continue design & build of Govt Island Dock / Town Pier / Lift System Conveyor to support the commercial fishing fleet</p>	<p>Planning Goal 2: Support public use of and access to the Harbor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action 2.5 Investigate the feasibility of a Town-owned pile supported pier, including the possibility for deeper draft loading abilities with cranes or hoists <p>Planning Goal 1: Support the Cohasset Commercial Fishing Fleet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action 4.2 Investigate the feasibility of reconfiguring Town Landing to include conveyor/hoists

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action 4.3 Provide water and power to commercial docks and existing Town piers.
<p>4. Complete reconstruction of Parker Ave Boat Ramp</p>	<p>Planning Goal 3: Identify and plan for appropriate improvements to landside and waterside infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action 3.5 Complete planned improvements to the Parker Avenue boat ramp.
<p>5. Plan & implement long term dredging plan</p>	<p>Planning Goal 9: Provide recommendations for a recurring dredging plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action 2.9 Identify long term dredging needs for channel and Harbor