

Harbors and Waters Board Meeting Minutes 2/6/23

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

Present: Breen, Doub, Smith, and Cuzner.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

1. State St. Restrooms:
 - a. Phil Blaisdell (resident 72 Front St.) mentioned an article at town meeting in the 90's that restrooms should be open all year long.
 - b. Refer to Water and Sewer about water line as pipes freeze in winter and cause damage that needs repair at great cost to the enterprise fund.
 - c. Amy Sheehan (Birch St.) objected to the harbor fund spending on public bathrooms being open year-round at State St. when there is no public restroom on the West Shore, even in summer, for the heavy seasonal traffic at the Village St. pier.
 - d. The board suggested taking up this matter with the Select Board and Town meeting.
 - e. The board agreed to look at the harbor plan and add comments.
2. Budget Discussion:
 - a. Operating budget
 - b. No final numbers from the town
 - c. Forced to work with last year's numbers
 - d. 11% utility increase
 - e. Water usage up
 - f. Still waiting on surplus numbers from the town
 - g. Budget is basically flat funded at this point
 - h. The board agreed to delay a vote on the budget to the March meeting
3. Harbormaster's report:
 - a. Revenues are being maximized
 - b. No increase to waiting list fees
 - c. The department is looking to create more transient availability to bring outside revenue into the town.

- d. Discussed commissioning a survey to extend the floats at Stramski pier including and eel grass study of the area.
- e. The new harbor software is working through the kinks. The office is working closely with the software company.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm