

## **Harbor Advisory Committee (HAC)**

**January 8th, 2025**

Members Present: Carl Doanne, Peter Yukins (PY), Chris Comb (CC), Philip Leahy (PL), Skip Crocker (SC), Jim Doucette (JD)

Members Absent: Steve Lauber

Members of the Public: [REDACTED] Bion Pike, Jim Starkey (JS), Jeff Delaney (JD)(SB)

Call to Order 5:45pm. This meeting is recorded.

Documents presented: Agenda for January 8<sup>th</sup> HAC meeting, Minutes for Dec 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, Post-Dredging Mooring Layout (JS)

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

Dec 11th minutes presented. Motion to approve PY. Second CD. Motion carried.

### **2. Public Comment**

No public comment at this stage.

### **3. Harbormaster Report**

A discussion took place on the budget items for 2025. Intention to purchase 2 Metal Sharks. One 23-foot Metal Shark for Manchester Police and a second 26-foot-long Metal Shark for the HM office.

Sue Croft of the Town hall will be submitting grant applications in the future (instead of HM Dept) including grant applications for the Fishermans Facility and the Rotunda.

The Select Board confirmed language in the Harbor Regs wrt the new MM floats using the Mooring Waitlist as a source for customers.

### **4. Harbor Management Council**

Draft Harbor Management plan will be produced in January. HAC will receive a copy. Draft plan will be shown to the public in April and the Final plan will be produced in June

Action: Add as agenda item for next month

## **5. Harbormaster Office**

A steel barge would probably be needed for any dock side HM office. Grants available for a dock side office. JD raised the possibility of the Community Center as a HM location. No elevator (ADA compliance) may be an issue for this location.

Action: Continue to monitor

## **6. Public Ramp/Storage Area at Tuck's point**

HM to obtain some approx. cost estimates from local contractors.

## **7. Mooring Strategy**

A presentation was made by Jim Starkey to the committee on the value of using differential GPS to layout a mooring field. By combining standardization of ground tackle and boat type, it should be possible to optimize the mooring layout to avoid boat contact and increase mooring density. A further benefit would be a reduction in dredging costs for the town due to lower dredging depth for power boats (over sailboats).

Action: Continue discussions to apply this strategy to the next round of harbor dredging in 2026.

## **6. Any other business**

The next meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Wednesday February 12th. Motion to adjourn SC. Second CC. Motion carried.