



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND  
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**WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**November 2, 2009 Minutes**

**Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Chairman Needham, George Zinger, Marc Wein, Mike Anglin, James Eklund, Bill Geraghty, Al Loreto, Town Liaisons: Councilman Peter Reich, Councilman Ed Brown

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of October 5, 2009 were approved as revised.

Next meeting scheduled **December 7, 2009.**

**New Business:**

**Sea Grass Task Force:**

Chairman Needham announced a meeting for public comment on the Coastal Sea Grass Task Force Report to be held at Riverhead Town Hall at 5:00 – 6:30 PM on November 12, 2009.

Member Loreto described the voting protocol and reported that the overall goal of the Coastal Sea Grass Task Force is to maintain current sea grass acreage and to increase by 10% by 2020. He further reported that their other goals are to reduce nutrient loads, establish water quality criteria standards, develop a status sea grass report card tri-annually, develop pamphlets to be distributed with boat registrations and shell fish licenses to educate the public, develop management to create restrictions necessary to regulate harvest and the use of shellfish, and to protect and restore coastal barrier properties.

**Aquaculture Lease Program Advisory Committee:**

Councilman Reich announced that he will be attending the Aquaculture Lease Program Advisory Committee meeting to be held at Cornell Cooperative Extension from 4:00 – 6:30 PM on November 12, 2009.

**Briefing by Town Liaison, Councilman Reich:**

Councilman Reich reported that as of November 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009, everyone on board any boat under 21 feet, in New York State, unless commercial, must be wearing a personal floatation device.

Councilman Reich reported that Mr. Crocker is requesting to upgrade his 42 foot boat to a 61 foot boat on his Riparian mooring, which is not boat specific, located on the east side of Little Ram. The WMAC confirmed that this Riparian mooring is not boat specific.

Councilman Reich reported that a stake mooring and pulley system has been requested at Tarkettle landing for a Boston Whaler Harpoon. The WMAC agreed that there is a lot of traffic there and it is rather narrow, and they would rather see him take over an existing spot. Member Anglin suggested various alternatives in Mabel's Creek near the Simpson Bay area and on the east side near Menantic Road. Councilman Reich indicated that he would suggest feasible alternatives.

Councilman Reich reported that the report for Crab Creek dredging indicates that the normal maximum tidal range, measured from September 17 through October 8, 2009, in Shelter Island Sound is 4.47 feet. He opined that this seems rather high. WMAC reviewed and discussed this issue and agreed that there were a few storms during that time period, and that this is not the optimum time of year to measure.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Daniel Lord Landing Boarding Jetty:**

Councilman Reich stated that he has not received anything new from Matt Sherman.

#### **Floats:**

In response to the inquiry of the WMAC regarding the complaints that have been received concerning installation of floats on Fresh Pond, Councilman Reich stated that if someone wants to install a float in Fresh Pond, they would have to apply for a Town Permit. He further stated that if it was an existing float, no permit would be necessary.

#### **Silver Beach Lagoon Ramp:**

Member Loreto reported that Mr. Ketcham indicated that he could put some ripwrap rock at the back of the ramp. Councilman Reich indicated that he would inspect the ramp shortly, now that the water is very clear.

### **New Business:**

#### **Coecles Harbor Dredging:**

Member Loreto reported that the Department of Public Works typically place spoils from dredging on the *downdrift or southern side in the case of Coecles*. He further reported that Chairman Needham opined that it does not make sense to do so in this case, and suggested that the spoils be put on the Reel Point side instead. The WMAC reviewed the charts and discussed the options.

He reported that the *DPW* is looking to amend the permit to lessen the requested depth from 9 feet to 6 feet, as the typical *allowable dredging* depth is 6 feet below mean low water. He stated that the typical boats that enter Coecles Harbor need the 9 foot draft,

and that all the charts indicate that the depth is 9 feet. He further reported that this project will move along much more quickly if the WMAC does not suggest any alterations. *A letter and desired location map from the Supervisor's office is needed to request the 9 foot depth and placing the spoils on the Reel Point side. The letter should outline the need for the 9 foot depth because of the number of deep draft boats entering the harbor and charts showing that depth. The request for the spoils on the Reel Point side should be noted because of the risk of a second inlet being created in a storm.*

**Review Chapter 90:**

The WMAC reviewed and discussed whether the permit fees should be modified to accommodate the increasing administrative processing costs. The WMAC agreed that more information is necessary to continue this discussion.

**Department of Public Works Piping Plover Report:**

Member Loreto reported that last year there was one nesting pair of Piping Plovers on Shell Beach; and this year there were two, but the eggs were not successfully hatched. He further reported that he submitted this information to the Department of Public Works.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Danielle LiCausi, Clerk to the WMAC

