

Duxbury Bay Management Commission

Meeting Minutes – Thursday, February 12, 2009

A meeting of the Duxbury Bay Management Commission was held at the Duxbury Senior Center at 7 pm.

In attendance:

Duxbury Bay Management Commission (DBMC):

In attendance: Ned Lawson (chair), John Brawley, Corey Wisneski (acting secretary)

Missing: Don Merry, JR Kent, Joe Messina, Emmett Sheehan, Shawn Dahlen

A quorum was not reached.

Other Guests:

Skip Bennett

Jake Emerson

I. Mooring Survey

A mooring survey did not go out with mooring bills because nothing concrete had been satisfactorily drafted. However, a question asking people to tell the Harbormaster how they intend to remove their vessel(s) in case of emergency was included on the mooring bills. Bills are due back to the Harbormaster by 6/1/2009.

II. Storm Plan Update

N. Lawson stated that he is waiting on more information from the Harbormaster before updating the storm plan.

III. State of the Bay

In pursuit of developing an annual or semi-annual State of the Bay report for Duxbury Bay, J. Emerson has collected some data from the Harbormaster's Department, including emergency calls the Harbormaster received. The Water Quality Subcommittee will lead the effort to acquire additional biological and environmental-related data. The Duxbury Beach Reservation also has data, as do several Massachusetts state agencies.

IV. Duxbury Harbor Dredging

The current administration's stimulus package may have funds for dredging and the DBMC would like to determine who could be a champion (e.g., state senator) for the dredging needs in Duxbury Harbor. Consideration also needs to be given to piggybacking dredging projects for additional businesses that need dredging (i.e., Battelle, Long Point, Bayside, etc.).

V. Aquaculture Lease

George Shamma's aquaculture lease has apparently been abandoned and it contains substantial amounts of rebar. There is some concern that Shamma's lease may be used by someone as an example of what goes on in the Bay. DBMC needs to look into the standards for abandoned aquaculture leases and whether those leases can be dismantled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Wisneski
Acting Secretary