

Town of Wareham

Marine Resources Commission

Meeting date: April 8, 2015

Attendees: Larry Bearse, Trenton Blanchard, Don Jepson, Jim Smythe

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM

The meeting notes from the February meeting were read and approved.

Don Jepson reported back that he had checked with David Pichette, Wareham's Conservation Agent, and Dave indicated that there is no map detailing public access to Wareham's Waterways. Dave indicated that individuals are allowed to access the beach areas in front of private property to shellfish so long as they do not go above the intertidal zone. Dave emphasized that individuals do not have the right to cross private property (without the owner's permission) to access the intertidal zone. Those present at the meeting agreed that public access to Wareham's waterways should be addressed and included in the update of the Harbor Management Plan. Those present were curious as to what the Harbormaster's Office tells individuals who inquire about where they can gain access to Wareham's waterways.

The members present were in agreement with the Harbormaster's plans to seek Town Meeting funding for repair of the Onset Boat Ramp and were in agreement to spread the word to encourage residents to vote for the article.

Larry Bearse said he was continuing his review of the Harbor Management Plan and would give members an update at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

I attest these are the true MRC minutes of the meeting held April 8, 2015.



Donald H. Jepson, Chairman

Please cc: Board of Selectmen, Harbormaster Office.

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