

Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting
December 18, 2020
4:30 pm

A meeting of the Committee was held on the above date and time via Zoom. Members present were: Rick Biros, Bill Brine, John Dropick, Rick Schifter, Dana Strayton, Tom Tilghman, Peter Wells and Town Administrator, James Hagerty.

After being modified, the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2020 were approved.

Biros reported on the status of the initial survey of ferry users. As of the meeting, 178 responses had been received. There was a discussion of ways to increase awareness of and participation in the survey. Biros agreed to provide an analysis of the results at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed consideration of various topics that could be included in the next survey. No determination was made. Tilghman agreed to provide a comprehensive list of possible topics for consideration at the next meeting.

The Committee then discussed the status of the Woods Hole Group's MVP Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Project. After a motion and second, the Committee resolved unanimously to write to the Board of Selectmen urging that the Chappy Ferry be included as one of the critical pieces of infrastructure warranting further analysis by WHG. (The letter was delivered to the Selectmen on December 24.)

The Committee had a discussion regarding the problem created by headlights of vehicles waiting to board the Ferry adversely impacting the vision of the ferry captains. It was agreed that the issue will be flagged in the next survey.

Brine reported on a meeting that had been held regarding plans to raise Memorial Wharf and potential implications for the Ferry operations. In the event that funds will be appropriated for that initiative, it was agreed that we should encourage consideration of Ferry related issues in that process.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.