

Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting
September 15, 2020
2:00 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, Sally Snipes, Dana Strayton, Tom Tilghman, Peter Wells and Town Administrator, James Hagerty.

Minutes of the meetings of June 19, 2020 were approved.

The Committee discussed the Locke Lord LLP letter responding to various questions posed previously by the Committee.

The Committee agreed on a set of principles to govern the approach to surveying the ferry constituents on various topics relevant to the Committee's work. Biros and Tilghman agreed to draft an initial survey and circulate it to the Committee in advance of the next meeting. Hagerty agreed to endeavor to obtain a list of Edgartown and Chappy property owners to whom the survey would be distributed.

The Committee appointed Biros and Dropick to a sub-committee to address global warming and rising sea level issues. They will work with the Environmental Committee of the Chappaquiddick Island Association on these matters. The next step will be to develop a request for proposals to be issued to engineering firms interested in designing potential ways to address these issues.

The Committee discussed current "cut line" practices and possible modifications. Wells agreed to develop a recommended written policy to be discussed at the next meeting.

It was agreed that Schifter would work with Wells and Snipes to identify relevant financial information that could be shared with the Committee.

Hagerty advised that each Committee member will need to undergo conflict of interest training. He will send a link to the Committee so that could proceed.

The Committee discussed the possibility of adding one or two additional members to the Committee, but deferred a decision until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.