

**Chappy Steering Committee**  
**Emergency Meeting**  
**April 24, 2020**  
**4:30 pm**

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

Mr. Schifter opened the meeting. Mr. Hagerty then discussed his conversation with Town Counsel and the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, deliberations, and taking minutes. Mr. Knight explained that he would be more comfortable with the Town having custody and control of any minutes or recordings. Mr. Schifter, Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Dropick all concurred. The group then discussed the process for minutes and official records. Mr. Biros suggested that the Committee utilize the Zoom Application for future meetings. Mr. Schifter recommended that all minutes be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

Mr. Schifter then addressed the communications plan of the Committee. Mr. Tilghman suggested that there be one point of contact for all Committee communication. The group then discussed the various mediums to share the minutes such as Chappy Chat, Town website, and Chappy Ferry website. The group then unofficially concluded that they would utilize the Town Website

Mr. Schifter then asked the Committee about meeting frequency. Mr. Dropick suggested that when questions are returned from Legal, Mr. Hagerty should update the group. Mr. Hagerty explained that due to all of the legal unknowns of COVID, the ferry questions have been delayed for operational and budgetary reasons.

Mr. Brine then motioned that the Committee meet every quarter and not more than once every other week with the exception of an emergency. Mrs. Strayton moved. Unanimous

Mr. Schifter then asked the group about specific topics the Committee should likely address, and how they will determine a likely work plan for accomplishment. Mr. Schifter then mentioned structural solutions and planning for rising sea level.

Mr. Schifter then reiterated list of topics the Committee should address. Mr. Hagerty suggested the definition of seasonal and year round passenger rates. Mr. Biros mentioned the short term need of the payment protection plan and federal funding for ferries. Mr. Biros asked Mr. Wells if he needed any help in applying, and what the Committee could do to assist.

Mr. Hagerty explained the current financial situation with the Steamship Authority and the comparison to the Chappy Ferry.

Mr. Dropick mentioned financial audits. Mr. Hagerty discussed the cost-benefit of releasing financial info.

Mr. Brine discussed the natural barrier of the Chappy Ferry, overall throughput, and service levels.

Mr. Schifter then requested that Mr. Hagerty get clarification from the Edgartown Selectmen about ex officio membership on the Committee.

At 5:27 PM Mr. Schifter moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tilghman seconded. Unanimous.

Rick Biros  
Bill Brine  
John Dropick  
Peter Getsinger  
James Hagerty  
Dick Knight  
Rick Schifter  
Sally Snipes  
Dana Strayton  
Tom Tilghman  
Peter Wells