

Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting
February 9, 2021
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, Peter Getsinger, Rick Schifter, Sally Snipes, Dana Strayton, Tom Tilghman, Peter Wells and Town Administrator, James Hagerty.

The minutes of the meeting of January 13 meeting were approved.

The Committee further discussed the possibility of implementing a short term measure to address frequent high water around the ramp on the Edgartown side. The specific concept involves adding six inches of asphalt in the area immediately surrounding the ramp could provide some relief in the near term. The Committee resolved to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee urging the Town to address the issue and delegated the drafting of the letter to Brine and Wells. The letter, which is attached hereto, was delivered on February 10.

The Committee discussed the results of the initial survey and the possibility of conducting a subsequent survey. After discussion of the pros and cons of a second survey, no consensus was reached so the matter was deferred for subsequent consideration.

The Committee revisited the “cut line” policy topic. The general consensus was that modifications of the existing policy were not required. It was suggested that Wells submit the policy to Hagerty with a request that it be endorsed by the Selectmen with the understanding that captains would retain the discretion to permit exceptions in appropriate cases.

It was agreed that Ferry rates would be the topic for the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.