

**Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**August 26, 2021**  
**4:00 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, Peter Getsinger, Rick Schifter, Sally Snipes, Dana Strayton, Tom Tilghman, Peter Wells and Town Administrator, James Hagerty.

Subject to a minor modification, the minutes of the meeting of July 16 were approved.

The Committee discussed a proposed temporary modification of the “cut line” policy during the period in which the On Time III will not be in service. Wells proposed that, during this time, the only vehicles permitted in the cut line will be emergency vehicles and school buses. The Committee adopted a resolution recommending that the Select Board approve the request for this temporary modification.

The Committee discussed the Woods Hole Group’s Draft Adaptation Plan, which, in summary, calls for raising the road on both the Edgartown and Chappy sides by 1-3 feet with an estimated first phase cost of approximately \$800,000. This estimate is predicated on the assumption that low tides rise to the same extent that high tides do. If that is not the case, then the ramps would need to be lengthened to ensure access to the ferry from the higher road elevation at low tide.

The WHG recommend the installation of a water level sensor to assess the impact of rising sea levels on low tide levels at a cost (including one year of monitoring) of \$8000. After discussing potential sources of funding for this, the Committee adopted a resolution to request that the Chappaquiddick Island Association incur the expense of the gauge and one year of monitoring and gift that to the Town.

The Committee discussed a draft survey of Chappy residents to determine how many vehicles would become eligible for the resident discount if the changes to the discount program previously discussed by the Committee were implemented. After some modification to the draft, the Committee approved the proposed survey, which Tighlman agreed to distribute.

Wells agreed to report on trends in ferry usage at a future meeting.

Brine requested that the Committee discuss the “ready service” standard for ferry operations at a future meeting.

Biros requested that we brainstorm regarding ways to address long ferry lines.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.