

**Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**November 2, 2021**  
**5:00 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.

The minutes of the meeting of October 13 were approved.

The Committee discussed a possible revision of the temporary modification of the “cut line” policy during the period in which the On Time III will not be in service—specifically, allowing UPS, FedEx and the US Postal Service to resume use of the cut line. After some discussion, a motion was adopted making this revision by a vote of 6 in favor, 1 against, and 3 abstentions.

The Committee then discussed the concept of “ready service” and its applicability to operations of the ferry. After consideration of various issues, a motion was adopted to create a subcommittee to consider the “ready service” concept and report back to the full Committee by a vote of 7 in favor, 2 against, and 1 abstention. Biros, Brine, Strayton, Tighman and Wells were appointed to the subcommittee.

The Committee then discussed emergency ferry services during times when the ferry is not operating and heard a report on that topic from Edgartown Fire Chief Alex Schaeffer.

Schifter reported on discussions with the CIA regarding the possible purchase of a tide gauge in light of significant scientific evidence that tide range does not increase with rising sea levels. Some members of the Committee requested that we continue to push for a tide gauge, which Schifter agreed to do.

The Committee authorized Schifter, subject to any comments by Committee members received by November 5, to issue the Requests for Proposals previously circulated to engineering firms to elicit estimates of the cost of designing the work described in the Woods Hole Group Vulnerability Assessment,

Mike Biros reported on potential funding sources for resiliency efforts to deal with rising sea levels.

After some discussion of the most recent responses to the “resident discount” survey, the Committee authorized Schifter to discuss with Snipes and Wells the potential impact on revenues of expanding the resident discount program and of lifting the existing “freeze” on expanding the list of qualified residents under the existing program.

The Committee also authorized Schifter, subject to any comments by Committee members received by November 5, to issue the Requests for Proposals previously circulated to accounting firms to review the books and records of the Chappy Ferry Co.

Getsinger left the meeting.

The Committee discussed the optimal frequency of Committee meetings. A motion was adopted to meet at 5 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month through the end of 2021 by a vote of 9 in favor and 1 against.

A motion was adopted providing that the Committee issue a report by May 2022 of the work it had conducted through that date by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 against.

The Committee then entertained comments from non-Committee member attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.