

Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting
December 7, 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 November 16 were approved.

Schifter reported that the CIA had ordered the tide gauge and installation is expected before the end of the month.

Hagerty reported that the town is proceeding with the near term project to raise the road on the Edgartown side of the ferry and that work would commence in the coming months.

Hagerty reported on his discussion with Fuss & O'Neill, the engineering firm that is interested in assisting the town in applying for grants to address rising sea levels as described in the Woods Hole Group's vulnerability study. F&O has agreed to prepare a work plan outlining next steps.

Schifter advised that he had not yet identified an accounting firm interested in providing a review of the Chappy Ferry Company's finances. That search is ongoing.

In response to a question whether the Committee's recommendation to the Select Board that the full time Chappy resident discount program be "unfrozen", Hagerty reported that the link to the recording of the meeting at which that recommendation was adopted was forwarded to the Select Board.

Bill Brine, chair of the Ready Service Subcommittee, advised that the Subcommittee had set itself a deadline of January 15 to report to the Committee on its recommendations.

The Committee had a further discussion about potentially adding an additional member, but ultimately took no action.

Schifter requested that Committee members advise him of topics to be added to the agenda of future meetings.

Mike Biros reported that the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) recently announced upcoming efforts to create an island-wide Climate Action Plan (CAP), funded through an MVP Action Grant. The plan is a 20-year strategy with an emphasis on generating a list of prioritized implementable projects. Part of the motivation behind the CAP is to coordinate grant applications amongst the island towns so as to reduce intra-island competition for funding. Biros will serve on the CAP Transportation & Infrastructure Working Group and will keep the Committee posted on developments.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

