Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting March 17, 2022 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 February 23 were approved.

Mike Biros advised that the tide gauge has been received and would be installed by the shellfish hatchery in the near future. [We have since been advised that the tide gauge is fully operational and its measurements can be viewed at

https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=box&gage=chpm3.]

Hagerty reported that the Select Board approved including a \$200,000 item on the 2022 Town Warrant to fund the engineering work required as the next step in developing a resiliency plan to address rising sea levels. He also advised that the Town had filed an application for a grant which might provide some or all of the required funding.

Schifter advised that the accounting review previously discussed by the Committee was being conducted by the firm of Nardella & Taylor and that work was ongoing

Brine, chair of the Ready Service Subcommittee, updated the Committee on the Subcommittee's work. He advised that the cost of a new ferry was estimated to be approximately \$1 million. Tighlman reviewed the report of the Subcommittee, which identified potential areas of improvement in the service levels and provided a high level cost/benefit review of those points. A discussion of the report ensued leading the Committee requesting that the Subcommittee follow up with specific recommendations for implementation.

The Committee than engaged in a dialogue with nonmember attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.