

Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting
October 23, 2020
3:00 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.

Minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2020 were approved.

The Committee reviewed the draft survey and cover letter to accompany it. Based on the feedback provided, Tilghman and Biros agreed to upload the survey on Survey Monkey and share it in a draft format with the Committee. Once finalized, the letter and survey will be mailed to all property owners on Chappy and advertised through Chappy Chat, the CIA, the Community Center, and similar venues.

The Committee discussed the efforts to address global warming and rising sea level issues. Mike Biros (Rick's son) described his potential involvement with the CIA and the Committee on this topic, including exploring potential grant applications. The next step will be to develop a request for proposals to be issued to engineering firms interested in designing potential ways to address these issues.

Schifter reported that Ropes & Gray had agreed as a business development matter to prepare a memo for the Committee outlining the possibility of a community owned entity ultimately acquiring the Ferry when Snipes and Wells choose to sell.

Schifter shared some high level financial information regarding the ferry operations which he had obtained from Snipes and Wells.

The Committee discussed the possibility of adding one or two additional members to the Committee, but concluded that it would not make any changes at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.