Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting December 21, 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 December 7 were approved.

Dropick requested that Hagerty circulate the lease and license for the Chappy Ferry be circulated to Committee members.

Mike Biros advised that the tide gauge is en route and, after consultation with the Harbor Master, was likely to be installed at the shellfish hatchery.

Hagerty updated the Committee on his discussions 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. He expected a proposal and work plan would be received in the coming weeks.

Schifter advised that the accounting firm Nardella & Taylor expressed interest in undertaking the review of the Chappy Ferry Co.'s financial records. Next steps include entering into a confidentiality agreement and agreeing upon scope and procedures. N&T had indicated a willingness to take on the work free of charge in anticipation of being involved in a possible subsequent transaction involving the Ferry.

Brine, chair of the Ready Service Subcommittee, updated the Committee on the Subcommittee's deliberations. He expects the Subcommittee to have recommendations for the Committee by mid-February.

Brine requested that we include on the agenda for the next meeting consideration of a motion recommending the framework for establishing fares.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.