

Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting
August 2, 2022
5:00 pm

A meeting of the Committee was held on the above date and time via Zoom. Members present were: Bill Brine, John Dropick, Rick Schifter, Dana Strayton, Tom Tighlman, Peter Wells and Town Administrator, James Hagerty.

After modification of the attendees list, the minutes of the meeting of June 23 were approved.

Hagerty advised the Committee that negotiations were underway for a contract providing for the engagement of the engineering firm, Fuss & O'Neill, for the next phase of the Chappy Ferry resiliency project. Hagerty expected the contract to be completed in the near term, at which time Selectboard approval of the engagement would be sought.

The Committee discussed the concept of the Town reserving parking spaces in Edgartown for Chappy residents who could then reduce the number of car trips on the ferry. While members were supportive of the concept, it was unclear whether there was a viable path forward. The Committee was open to further consideration of the idea if a means of implementation could be identified.

Schifter provided an update on an effort to organize a group of Chappy residents to pursue a possible acquisition of the ferry from the current owners.

The Ready Service Subcommittee advised that it had not met since the last Committee meeting, but reported that the town's Sign Committee advised that no permit would be required to add signage designed to help gauge wait times along the ferry line.

The Committee entertained questions from nonmember attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.