

Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting
May 8, 2023
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 Tighlman, Peter Wells and Town Administrator, James Hagerty.

The minutes of the meeting of April 6 were approved.

Hagerty provided an update on the Chappy Ferry resiliency project. Progress is continuing and Fuss & O'Neill expect to have narrowed down the options in the coming weeks.

The Committee then engaged in an extensive discussion of the draft license prepared by the License Subcommittee and received input from Paul O'Donnell regarding the perspective of the Chappy Ferry Nonprofit Corp. At the conclusion of the discussion, Brine suggested that the Subcommittee make further modifications of the draft prior to the Committee voting on the document.

The Committee discussed the possibility of retaining a naval architect to design a third ferry. The Committee received input from Chris Melo, a naval architect. Hagerty agreed to explore the possibility of having Fuss & O'Neill engage Melo as part of the resiliency project.

The Committee passed unanimously a motion to request that the Martha's Vineyard Commission to issue a request for proposals regarding the possible engagement of a firm to conduct a study of Ferry related traffic.

The Committee entertained comments from nonmember attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.