

Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting
August 29, 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 July 7 were approved.

Hagerty advised that, at a recent meeting, the Select Board considered the Committee's suggested modifications to the ferry license and had forwarded the proposed modifications along with some specific questions to town counsel. At this point, the Select Board is awaiting a response from town counsel.

Hagerty provided an update on the Chappy Ferry resiliency project. At the Committee's request, Hagerty had asked Fuss and O'Neil to incorporate in its analysis potential different designs for the ferry and related infrastructure. To that end, Fuss and O'Neil intends to subcontract that analysis to Gilbert Associates, a naval architect firm. Hagerty is awaiting a pricing proposal to make sure it can fall within the existing appropriation.

Hagerty advised that he was in the process of determining, in light of a proposal received from Maritime Consultants, the appropriate path to engage a consultant who could do an analysis of the various ownership options. He expected to provide an update at the next meeting.

The Committee then engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding suspension of the cutline policy during the anticipated six week period while only one ferry would be in operation. Ultimately, the Committee approved a motion to recommend to the Select Board that the cut line be suspended during this period with the exception of school buses, emergency vehicles, the Visiting Nurses Association, and the U.S. Mail carrier.

The Committee entertained comments from nonmember attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.