

Harbors and Waters Board Minutes



November 3, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Present: Doub, Smith, Cuszner, Michaud, Wolf, Burke, and Finochio

The minutes of the last meeting were amended (attached) and will be approved at the next meeting.

Welcome to our new alternate board members, Karen Finocchio and Matthew Burke!

Budget:

1. Need to replenish surplus of in coming years and additional 850K for rainy day/storms.
2. Discussed an expense change in salary line item. Figures were being drawn from an incorrect origin and were corrected by the finance department after HM Souza brought it to their attention.

Revenue generating increases:

1. Float permit fees will be increased from \$6.50 to \$10 per foot.
 - a. Generating approximately **\$46,660.00**.
 - b. Will require a town meeting vote.
2. Ring permit fees will go up to \$350 across the board.
 - a. Generating approximately **\$56,700.00**.
 - b. Does not require a town meeting vote.

3. Mooring permit fees Main Harbor will be increased from \$10 to \$12 per foot and West Shore from \$9.00 to \$11.00 Per Foot.
 - a. Generating approximately **\$796,000.00**.
 - b. Will require a town meeting vote.
4. Dockwa (transient dockage) fees will be increased by \$1 per foot
 - a. Generating approximately **\$4,500.00**.
5. Discussed future increases to commercial fishing rates and boat storage but will not be this year.

Motions to increase as follows:

1. All rings to increase from \$200 to \$350 per year
2. Tuckers Wharf Rings from \$350 to \$500 per year
3. Dockwa to increase by estimated \$1 per foot

Motions were seconded and approved unanimously.

Capital Budget Requests – total 157K

1. Repairs to State St. Piers – 50K
2. New Stramski Float 40'X12' – 40K
3. Replace Tucker's #3 – 45k
4. Cliff St. office electrical – 12K
5. Buildings and grounds repair, chains and materials – 10K

Harbormaster Report:

1. Crew on winter hours
2. Stramski and Village floats to be pulled this week.
3. The new boat delivery is held up pending 2 parts.
4. Waiting list new software works well and is 90% paid.
5. Looking into adding boat excise billing to our software.
6. Grants are not looking good after 3A failed to pass and need back-up plan to address structural harbor failures.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm