

Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes May 6, 2025

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee was held via Zoom as approved by the Town Manager with the Committee's approval.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Paul Everson. The quorum was confirmed and Paul Everson read the following notice at the beginning of the meeting. NOTICE OF RECORDING "Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on Town of Barnstable's Government Access Channel and Website, and in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s. 20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known.

Roll Call:

Board Members present:

Paul Everson, Chairman
Gary Shramek
Greg Egan
Todd Walantis
Jacob Angelo

Town Staff Present:

Brian Taylor, Harbormaster (HM)
Polina Plucinski, MEA Administrative Assistant

Public:

James Kupfer (Director – Planning and Development).

II. Act on Minutes/Notes:

None. Special Meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the Town's Local Comprehensive Plan: Marine Water Quality, Shellfish, and Aquaculture.

James Kupfer, Director of Planning and Development for the Town of Barnstable, introduced the Local Comprehensive Plan and provided a detailed overview of its content and implementation strategy.

The Waterways Committee offered the following comments regarding the plan's reference to marine water quality, shellfish resources, and aquaculture:

- CTD Access/ long time closure to vehicles; supporting enhancing commercial access
- Rising Water particularly CTD concerns parking lot closure/flooding; this has now become a Resiliency Project.
- Shellfisheries during dredging; this is a separate Comprehensive Plan but was mentioned.
- Baxter Purchase (expanding Reactional/Commercial Access).
- Commercial vs Recreation Access Maintain and possible expansion due to demand and being a Maritime Community.

In conclusion, the expansion of land/piers/docks/water shed for recreational and commercial access was discussed. Long term planning for Public/Commercial Access along our waterway was a small portion within the Comprehensive Plan; due to Barnstable being a maritime community we (MEA) should be supporting this venture into the future. Waterways Committee wanted more of a focus on the "Maritime Community" and more to be added to the Comprehensive Plan for the Town's maintenance of existing structure and expansion of future community access.

Furthermore, the Committee is looking to support the Aquaculture (Oysters) to enhance water quality.

Mr. Kupfer stated that the comments offered will be provided to the Local Comprehensive Planning Committee for consideration.

IV. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR: None

V. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chairmen Paul Everson entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Polina Plucinski
MEA Administrative Assistant
Town of Barnstable