

CHILMARK HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 MEETING

The Chilmark Harbor Advisory Committee met on Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the Select Boards meeting room at the Chilmark Town Hall. Committee members who attended the meeting were Deb Hancock, Steve Broderick, Andy Goldman, Fred Khedouri, Wayne Iacono, Susan Murphy, Ryan Rossi, and Jeffrey Maida. Committee members who did not attend were Wes Brighton and James Malkin. Also in attendance were Select Board member Marie Larsen.

First item of business was to discuss a grant available from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries for the amount of \$25,000 to improve recreational fishing access. Harbormaster Ryan Rossi wanted the input from the committee if he should apply for the grant and if so suggestions on what to use the money for. Deb Hancock asked Ryan Rossi if there were any strings that come attached with this grant. Steve Broderick mentioned possible jetty upgrades, Ryan Rossi mentioned possible upgrades to the ramp that accesses the floating dock at Hariphs Creek Bridge. Susan Murphy mentioned possible expansion of the floats at Hariphs Creek Bridge. Steve Broderick suggested placing two or three pilings along side the boat ramp and extending the float docks used for dingy tie up from the pilings. By doing this you would increase dingy space and have pilings to help when hauling and launching boats. All members present felt that was good idea and suggested that Harbormaster Rossi apply for the grant with that in mind. Deb Hancock asked Harbormaster Rossi about an email he sent out on September 13, 2023 about hurricane Lee updates. Deb Hancock's question was a statement in the email about having to wait until after storm passes before the Harbor Department can begin conducting salvage operations. Deb Hancock asked Harbormaster Rossi what the towns liability was for the Harbor Department to conduct salvage operations. Harbormaster Rossi stated it was within his jurisdiction to do so and the town is covered. Jeffrey Maida asked Harbormaster Rossi to explain how the Derby Special for dockage worked. Harbormaster Rossi explained the way it works. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM

Jeffrey Maida
Chairperson Chilmark Harbor Advisory Committee

