



HARBOR MASTER

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TO: The Honorable Board of Selectmen
FR: Harbormaster
RE: Menemsha Annual Report

Honorable Board of Selectmen,

We had a strange yet successful season in Menemsha. The influx of boating activity due to Covid-19 created more boating accidents and mishaps, but also increased our revenue intake. Though we were unable to raft boats on the bulkhead or inner harbor moorings, or allow live aboard transient boats in our unused residential slips, we managed to increase our numbers beyond that of last season.

From July, 1 through October, 9 of FY20, the Harbor Department took in \$189,063 in revenue from transient boaters. From July, 1 through October, 9 of FY21, the Harbor took in \$221,377 in revenue from transient boaters. This puts us ahead of last year's transient revenue by over \$32,000.

The Harbor Department has an annual Budget of \$220,703.06 to cover salaries and expenditures. Though we have \$30,000 budgeted for annual piling replacement, there are a number of other areas that need attention in Menemsha that may not be covered by our Facilities Maintenance line of \$16,000.

As you all know, we do have \$20,000 available each year in the Waterways Fund which is helpful in completing some unforeseen projects. Since the waterways fund is mainly derived from our residential mooring intake, it may be feasible to increase the cost of mooring permits from \$100 to \$200 in order to create more funds to conduct annual maintenance to our infrastructure.

Below is a list of projects that need to be completed in Menemsha that may put the Harbor budget in deficit if we don't receive funding from elsewhere. For projects that I have received quotes for, I have added those figures to give an estimate of how much finding will be needed.

I would like to request from the Board, that the Harbor Department receive funding to complete as many of these projects as feasibly possible to keep Menemsha functioning as it should as one of our Town's only sources of Revenue.

Following the scheduling conflicts with our annual Harbor Walkabout, if any of you would like to meet with me in Menemsha to go over any of these projects or put eyes on areas of concern, please let me know and we can set up a time to do so individually. And as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

- Complete dredging of NE corner of harbor along first 6 transient slips. This is something that was voted down by FINCOM last year and therefore is not a budgeted line item. \$20,000 (includes removal of dredge spoils in parking lot and beach replenishment)
- Re-build Bulkhead behind Charter Dock/ SE Corner of Harbor, where the bridge meets the dock. The bulkhead is rotted out under the high water mark which is causing erosion under basin road and causing sink holes along the bulkhead. Awaiting quote from Fenner Construction
- Replace street lights in West Dock parking lot. \$4,810.00 (Power's Electric)
- Install security cameras to cover all docks in the Harbor. \$6,575.00 (Electronic Security Systems)
- Replace 03 old piles along Small Boat Floating Dock and move 09 new piles out to match the distance of slips 1 through 4. Slips 5 through 17 can really only fit a boat of up to 16 feet and need to be moved out to accommodate boats up to 30 feet in length as described in the CWRR.
- Remove 02 steel I-beams from channel side of State Dock and cover remaining I-beams with steel tube piles.
- Raise Channel Dock by two feet to keep the deck above water at high tide.
- Complete overhaul/ replacement of Commercial Dock/Dutcher Dock.
- Replacement of west bulkhead of Filled Dock (sink hole area in parking lot).

Respectfully,

Ryan Rossi
Harbor Master
Town of Chilmark