



## The Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 3, 2022

7:00 pm

Attending: Jackson Schultz, Alan Van Arsdale, Ted Dooley, Steve Speranza, Whisky, Ulf Westhoven and Scott McBurney.

Also attending: John McAllister from McAllister Engineering and Jay Borkland

- 1) No quorum last meeting (2/3/22) so no minutes to approve
- 2) John McAllister presented a presentation on the pier project. On January 11, 2022, Jackson S, John M. and Jay B. had a pre-application meeting with representatives from the Town, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries, the Massachusetts Department of Coastal Zone Management (CZM), Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), and the Swampscott Conservation Commission. During this meeting, all of the regulators raised concerns regarding the protection of eelgrass beds located within Swampscott Harbor. It seems that before we can go much further, a mapping of the eel grass footprint in the harbor needs to be done. Unfortunately, it would need to take place in the months of July/August when the grass is in full bloom. John M through Marzie G. will submit a request to Seaport Economic Council for an extension on the grant due to this delay. John M. will be reaching out to Dr. Pamela Neubert to help us with the eel grass mapping.
- 3) Jackson S. said that in the meantime, the committee should refocus our efforts on feasibility for the living reef and to redirect the communities focus from the pier back to the living reef.
- 4) No votes were taken.
- 5) No community input and the meeting adjourned.

