



## The Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

7:00 pm

Attending: Jackson Schultz, Amy Powell, Steve Speranza, Whisky Wolinski, Ulf Westhoven (7:30),

Also: Jay Borkland, Robert Dobias, Ted Dooley

Jackson reported that the Town Manager supports the pier project and then the reef project in that order.

JS said it seemed counter intuitive to put money into the pier design and not the reef design so with the encouragement of a member from the Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council, HWAC will apply for both.

The grants will be \$100,000 each for design and engineering of both the Pier project and the Living Reef project from the Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council, with an application deadline of Nov. 1. Jackson thought we would have an easier time getting our applications approved by Seaport if we offered the 20% match for the pier project and an "in kind" match for the reef design rather than an "in kind" match for both. This would demonstrate to the council that despite the Covid 19 crisis we are all facing, the town is still willing to invest financially into the projects, showing a good faith effort on our part that Swampscott will have "some skin in the game" financially.

We held an unanimous vote to pursue this strategy.

Jackson then called for a vote from the committee to ask the town to formally retain Jay Borkland through Lloyds of London to help us with the application process and, should we be successful with our application, with the design work as well. We voted affirmatively.

Jay thanked us and expressed that as a resident, the project is important to him. He also noted that the Swampscott plan has been touted as an example elsewhere, including Revere, for combining resiliency with economic development for the future of the town.

Jay suggested we invite Ellen Cebula, Deputy Director from the Seaport Economic Council, to a future meeting. Jackson stressed the importance of involving members of the commercial fishing fleet in this process.