

Waterfront Safety Committee

Meeting Date: March 1, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at Village Office and via conference call

Meeting

Recap Date: March 6, 2020

Attendees:

Committee: Craig Brigham, Jim Coughlin, Gordon Fuller, Bill Haverty, Mike Lannan,
Bill Paige, Jeffrey Wilt

Community

Members: Dan Webster

Discussion Topics:

Updating 2019 Registration Packet–

- Add box for Sticker # in the upper right-hand corner
- Add space for check number and amount paid
- Add instruction to please display registration sticker where can be easily seen.
- Add information on seawall project and its impact on small watercraft storage

Registration Process for 2020 Season

The committee will recommend to the Overseers that registration of small watercraft be mandatory for the 2020 boating season. In addition, the committee will recommend a \$10 mandatory registration fee for small watercraft stored on village property for the 2020 season. This is consistent with the plans established at the start of the 2019 season.

The committee discussed, at length, options for enforcement. There is consensus that a formal enforcement protocol should not be implemented until the 2021 season. However, the Dock Master and appointees will continue to inform boaters when they are out of compliance with the waterfront rules. Ideas include placing “tickets” on offending watercraft (those without registration and those inappropriately stored); maintaining a log-book to track “repeat offenders,” continuing the practice of moving dinghies stored on the wrong float. The committee will revisit enforcement at future meetings.

Seawall Project’s impact on length of season

There was a lengthy discussion on the seawall project and its impact on the 2020 boating season. A September start date – post Around Islesboro – could necessitate early removal of the floats and result in limited or no access to the dock and north shore. There will be a better understanding of the project timing and impact when a contractor is selected. The Overseers will review contractor bids at their March 15 meeting. The committee consensus is that all floats should be pulled and stored before the start of construction.

The project will make communication will be especially critical this season. The committee will add information on the construction project and its impact on those storing small watercraft to the registration packet.

Signage will be critical – on the north shore and at the dock. Budget implications will be discussed with the Overseers.