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City of Amesbury Lakes and Waterways Commission

Meeting Agenda for 5-18-2023 7:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted under the Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, signed into law on June 16, 2021 by Governor Baker.

Location: Virtual

Dial in: +1 323-457-5649,,370738914# **Phone Conference ID:** 370 738 914#

To submit a public comment, you can email the chair ahead of time tpmpmurphy@gmail.com or dial-in to the meeting.

I. Administrative Business

A. Call to Order

B. Provide for minutes

C. Review of past minutes (March 2023)

II. [Tentative] If Bill Giezentanner, the lead on the Mass Audubon study of our conservation land is attending, we will skip to VI. C.

III. Engineer's update

A. New Director of DPW, Joseph Buckley.

B. Status of City Engineer?

C. Water levels and dam status.

IV. Harbormaster Update (None)

V. Conservation Commission Activity Update

VI. Current Business

A. Membership status

1. Current Status—Chair?

2. One Full and one Associate Vacancies

B. 604b Grant Status-June Deadline

1. Status Report (Cindy)

2. Site Visits: Identify areas of concern

C. Open Spaces Ad hoc Committee Update (Tom V)

1. Review Draft of Principles and Policies document prepared by Mass Audubon

2. Identify areas of interest related to waterbodies.

VII. New Business

VIII. Future Business

A. Lakes and Waterways Mission Review

1. Develop foundation for water body assessment based on historical data

- 2. Recommend projects and priorities to Mayor
- B. With ConComm—Home owners' guidelines (pointing to resources)
- C. Harbormaster
 - 1. Harbor Management Plan
 - 2. Public Dock on Merrimac
 - 3. Status of Fee collection
- IX. Waterbodies Status
 - A. Catch Basin and MS4 issues (erosion, illicit discharges, oil and chemical spills, sewage)**
 - 1. Email sent to Mayor's office expressing concern about status.**
 - B. Merrimac River**
 - 1. Sewer Overflow efforts status (Infrastructure Bill)
 - 2. PFAS Tracking (Local, State, National)
 - C. Powow River
 - 1. Water Quality Testing issue
 - D. Lake Gardner
 - 1. Lake Gardner Improvement Association updates
 - 2. Beach Renovation Update**
 - E. Lake Attitash Association and Lake Status**
 - 1. Update on LAA
 - F. Clarks Pond**
 - 1. Water Chestnut Season Begins soon.**
 - G. Tuxbury Pond
 - H. Meadowbrook Pond
 - I. Patten's Pond
 - J. Park Pond
 - K. Bailey Pond
- X. Review Action Items**

Next meeting: June 14, 2023