

January 2022 Harbormaster Report

Staff: We have had a bit of turnover in the last year. Ben Hinde left the Harbor for Public Works and replaced him with Cade Clay. Abby Hosier left us this fall and Stacey Hjort returned to fill out the staff.

We are looking at adding another security officer for to cover the weekends and fill in were scheduling needs more staffing to run efficiently.

Maintenance:

North Harbor – All is going well. Consistent cleaning and upkeep is key here. We will continue to look at replacing the soft NH fire shed deck.

Middle Harbor – Normal upkeep here as well. Working with Tamico and a local diver to purchase and install anodes.

South Harbor - Moved into the new fire shed in the South Harbor. Diver scraped the water lines to help with weight/drag. Rock N Road rebuilt the area the Tacoma had damaged last year. Also removed a piling that rotted off at the mudline. Have a dozen 16 in piles on order through Tamico to sleeve other piles that might suffer similar issues next year during the dredge project.

Crane Dock – removed the Large Crane and sent south to have it rebuilt, will be installed prior to crabbing in Feb.

Drive Down – seeing more and more use at that facility. Quite a few customers using the inside areas on reserved basis.

Scow Bay – Continue to monitor area daily and maintenance as needed.

Port Storage - graded & rolled regularly

Dredge update: The Assembly authorized entering into the construction phase of the USACE South Harbor Dredge partnership. We are expecting the bid packet to be finalized in early spring and go out to bid with a bid opening early summer. Project start date is expected to occur mid- October when in water work can commence. The Harbor Enterprise Fund has committed \$1 million to this phase upfront with the remainder due after bid opening when the contracted costs are formalized. At this point, we will know how much of the local portion can be accomplished.

PETRO Trade update: The Borough Manager has reached out to the Borough Attorney in regards to any movement on the trade negotiation. Currently PETRO is still monitoring the areas of concern the DEC investigation identified. The one-year monitoring requirement is about over so hopefully a decision is forthcoming.

Scow Bay: There are ongoing discussions concerning development at the Borough owned Scow Bay location. The Federal budget may include project funding for such things as boat yards, harbors and port facilities so the Assembly and staff have been working with PND to develop conceptual drawings that could be used to attract funding. Largely the boat yard, harbor basin and uplands remain what the community helped design through PEDC approx. 4-5 yrs. ago.

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There are discussions that the USCG buoy tender support facility could be incorporated into the area so engineers are in the process of meeting with USCG staff to document their needs.

Misc:

-Budget update: Attached

- proposed new fee schedule
- equipment purchases
- adding additional staff

-Raw Fish tax came in substantially higher than expected. Borough reduced the General Fund take back to taking the first \$350,000 and the Harbor Enterprise Fund received the balance.

-Tour ship calendar is firming up. Looks to still be rebounding from last couple of reduced sailings.

-Waiting list continues to grow for permanent over 50 ft. stalls. Under 50 ft. is largely full the majority of the year with fewer and fewer cancellations during the winter months.

-Large crane rebuild went well. Shipped south in November rebuilt at “ ” and returned at the end of December, stored until weather conditions improved and new electrical panel received. Install occurred in time for crab fleet to use this last week.

-Alan Murph came to us to discuss future design for Papke’s Landing recently. The Assembly contracted with Murph Engineering to build conceptual design drawings with cost estimates to use in discussion with funding sources.

-Business as usual