

# LAGOON POND DRAWBRIDGE COMMITTEE

## c/o Martha's Vineyard Commission

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### **Minutes of the Meeting held on June 7, 2006** **At the Offices of the Martha's Vineyard Commission**

Members Present: Tristan Israel (Vice Chair), Steve Berlucchi, Derek Cimeno, Dave Grunden, Mark London and Fred LaPiana (partial)

Observers: Harriet Barrow, Chris Fried, Denys Wortman, Bob Ford, Jo-Ann Taylor, Srinivas Sattoor (partial) and Dan Greenbaum (partial)

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In the absence of Chairman Melinda Loberg, Tristan Israel chaired the meeting.

#### **1. Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes of the meeting of May 3 were approved as presented.
- The minutes of the executive session of May 3 were approved as presented.

#### **2. Permanent Bridge**

- Mark reported from a phone conversation with Steve McLaughlin, MassHighway, that the notice to proceed for Parsons to begin design work should be issued 6-8 weeks from June 9.
- It was noted that this would leave no time for a presentation to the summer public or input from them.
- The committee noted that the scope would include an inventory of boat heights to be completed this summer. It may be necessary to monitor boats entering or leaving; or it may be possible to compile existing data. A subcommittee was named to meet and work on this; Todd Alexander, Dan Greenbaum, Phil Hale (to be invited), Fred LaPiana, MVC transportation intern, Mark London, Bob Maciel (to be invited), Srinivas Sattoor, Jay Wilbur and Denys Wortman. Jo-Ann will set up a meeting.
- It was noted that there is presently a cable beneath the surface that interferes with fishing by rod and reel or by drags. There was a question about the need for this cable in the permanent plan.

#### **3. Temporary Bridge**

- Mark reported from a phone conversation with Steve McLaughlin, MassHighway that the approval for the design should be made by the end of the week, with advertising in a couple of weeks, and awarding a contract probably in September. Steve could not say for sure that construction would begin in the fall. There was concern for losing the winter '06-'07 season for work in the water, which is constrained by the winter flounder breeding season.

#### **4. Existing Bridge**

- Fred reported from a conversation with an engineer (MassHighway) inspecting the bridge, that the bridge is moving again, and that the engineer recommended restricting trucks from

the bridge. The engineer will be sending letters to both Boards of Selectmen advising of the need to restrict trucks.

- The committee has asked the Joint Transportation Committee to develop a proposal for truck routes; and for a plan to alert truckers prior to arrival at the bridge, at which point the trucks are already committed to crossing (no other option at that point).

## **5. Other**

- The Drawbridge Committee named Fred LaPiana point person in investigating open space on the Tisbury side of the drawbridge. He will coordinate with Denys Wortman, the Board of Selectmen's designee for the same purpose.
- Mark will ask the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen for an executive session to discuss open space on the Oak Bluffs side with Mark, Dave, Bob Ford and Richie.

## **6. Upcoming meeting**

- The next meeting of the Drawbridge Committee will be on Wednesday, July 5, 9:00 A.M.

*Minutes prepared by Jo-Ann Taylor*