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The Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee

Public Forum

Wednesday, 9/13/2023

7pm

Swampscott High School Room B129

Jackson Schultz, Ted Dooley, Steve Speranza, Whisky, Scott McBurney, Lisa Boemer, Amy Powell, Jay Borkland and John McAllister from McAllister Engineering.

Due to the short notice of this meeting, attendance was sparse. It began with a brief introduction of the committee members present. Jackson Schultz then introduced Jay Borkland and John McAllister of McAllister Engineering who began his presentation with power point slides showing computer generated renderings of the pier in both of the two proposed locations, one next to the Fish House and the other in the break between the parking lot and Chaisson Park. During this conversation, ADA requirements were raised. For every inch of rise, requires 12" (one foot) of ramp. The existing pier elevation is at 9 ft and the thinking is for the new pier to go up to elevation of 14 ft so there would a five foot difference. We would therefore need 60 ft for the ramp as well as needing landings every 30 feet. In that case the thinking is to assume a minimum of a 70 foot ramp if located near where the current pier is. The location at Chaisson Park is already 3+' higher therefore needing a shorter ramp to pier. Also pedestrians would get direct access to the pier from Chaisson Park. Due to the fact that both areas are currently subject to flooding, the ramp would probably have to be a grate to allow water to pass through.