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PUBLIC MEETING - MEETING MINUTES

SUBJECT: P567420 – Deale Wharf Living Shoreline

On July 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., a community meeting was held at Deale Community Library for the Deale Wharf Living Shoreline project. The attendees were Kathryn Garafola (DPW), Diron Baker (DPW), Bruce Bruchey (DRP), Rich Lefebure (DRP), and Anna Johnson (BayLand).

The Deale Wharf Living Shoreline project is about improvements planned along the shoreline to increase coastal resiliency and reduce erosion along the shoreline.

At the beginning of the meeting, the project was introduced and presented by Katie Garafola and Anna Johnson. After the presentation, the meeting was opened for questions from the public in attendance. The question and answers from the meeting are as follows:

Q: Where is the presentation about the pier?

A: The pier repairs are not part of this project. They are two separate projects.

Q: Is the pier going to be repaired before the marsh planting is done?

A: Yes.

Q: Is the pier taking place? When is that starting?

A: Yes, we are in the process of getting a contractor.

Q: What is the time frame for the pier repairs?

A: That is highly dependable on things beyond our control due to financial system changes. The best I can give you is a fall to winter start, maybe between November and January.

Q: Are you replacing all the boards of the pier?

A: All the decking is to be replaced.

Q: Is the pier historical?

A: Yes, it is considered historical as it was built in the 1920s.

Q: Do you need to repair all the decking?

A: Yes, all the decking needs to be repaired.

Q: Where is this project in relationship to Happy Harbor Restaurant?

A: It is about two blocks south from Happy Harbor.

Q: Is this on county property?

A: Yes.

Q: Do they intend to use the pier for hydraulic dredging purposes?

A: No, it is going to be an off-loading site for mechanical dredging.

Q: These funds are coming out from the county budget?

A: Correct.

Q: What is the pier going to be used for in the future?

A: Recreation. It is only going to be used for off-loading once every 5-to-10 years when needed.

Q: Do people use the pier for recreation now? Can they access the water from it?

A: Yes, people use the pier for recreation, they cannot access the water from it as of now.

Q: Are they going to do anything to the vegetation on the shoreline that seems to be mostly invasive trees?

A: Vegetation removal on shoreline is not feasible as you have to mitigate, even if the vegetation is dead.

Q: Are you removing any vegetation?

A: Not as part of this project.

Q: Will there be portable toilets?

A: Not as part of this project.