

**Chappy Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**May 5, 2026**  
**3:00 pm**

A meeting of the Committee was held on the above date and time via Zoom. Members present were: Bill Brine, John Dropick, Peter Getsinger, Rick Schifter, Sally Snipes, Dana Strayton, Tom Tighlman, Peter Wells and Town Administrator, James Hagerty.

The minutes of the April 29, 2026, meeting were approved.

Schifter advised the Committee that he had spoken with various representatives of the Vineyard Preservation Trust about the possibility of moving the Old Sculpin Gallery as contemplated by the Fuss & O'Neill resiliency report. They understood the concept and were generally supportive. They will do some initial investigation and then contact Hagerty to develop a plan to move forward.

The Committee then engaged in an extensive discussion regarding various potential recommendations to the Select Board regarding the application to transfer to the license to Brian Scall d/b/a Chappy Ferry, LLC. After the discussion, the Committee voted as follows on the following specific recommendations:

1. The application should be granted unconditionally.  
YES: Wells, Snipes NO: Brine, Dropick, Getsinger, Schifter, Strayton, Tighlman, Hagerty
2. The application should be denied.  
YES: Brine, NO: Dropick, Getsinger, Schifter, Snipes, Strayton, Tighlman, Wells, Hagerty
3. The application should be granted subject to certain conditions.  
YES: Dropick, Getsinger, Schifter, Snipes, Tighlman, Wells, Hagerty ABSTAIN: Strayton; PASS: Brine
4. Scall should be required to identify publicly the investors in Chappy Ferry, LLC.  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Schifter, NO: Getsinger, Snipes, Tighlman, Wells ABSTAIN: Hagerty
5. Scall should be required to disclose publicly the articles of incorporation and by laws of Chappy Ferry, LLC  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Schifter, Strayton, Tighlman; NO: Wells; ABSTAIN: Getsinger, Snipes, Hagerty
6. Scall should be required to disclose publicly details regarding the total amount invested in Chappy Ferry LLC and the terms of the investments (e.g., debt vs equity; preferred vs. common, dividend requirements, etc.)  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Strayton NO: Getsinger, Schifter, Snipes, Tighlman, Wells, Hagerty

At this point Scall advised that the purchase price for assets to be utilized in the ferry operation was \$2,963,042 and that there were no other material financial terms in the agreement. In light of that disclosure, the Committee did not act on a motion to require further disclosure of the terms of the agreement.

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7. The license should be modified to substitute the attached language for existing Section IV governing Schedules and Rates, which would provide an objective basis for Select Board consideration of fare increases and would make clear that Select Board approval would be required for increase of any rates, including discounted rates.  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Getsinger, Schifter, Strayton, Tighlman NO: Snipes, Wells, Hagerty
  8. The license should be modified to provide that, in the event of a request for a fare increase, in addition to the process outlined in the attached, the Select Board will designate 2/3 of the members of the Chappaquiddick Ferry Steering Committee to be confidentiality-bound reviewers to examine underlying financial materials solely for the purpose of advising the Board, with all reporting limited to summary conclusions.  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Getsinger, Strayton, Tighlman NO: Schifter, Snipes, Wells, Hagerty
  9. The license should be modified to require annual public disclosure of financial results in summary form (eg, revenues, expenses, capital expenditures, net cash flow).  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Strayton NO: Getsinger, Schifter, Snipes, Tighlman, Wells, Hagerty
  10. Ready Service Performance Standards (to be negotiated with the licensee) should either be incorporated into the license or be included in a separate memorandum of understanding.  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Getsinger, Schifter, Strayton, Tighlman, Hagerty NO: Snipes, Wells
  11. A stated policy regarding the discount available to year round Chappy residents should be incorporated into either the license or a separate memorandum of understanding.  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Getsinger, Schifter, Strayton, Tighlman, Hagerty NO: Snipes, Wells
  12. The license should be modified to make explicit that a change in control of the licensee requires Select Board approval.  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Getsinger, Schifter, Strayton, Tighlman, NO: Snipes, Wells  
ABSTAIN: Hagerty
  13. The provision for automatic renewal should be modified to provide that every five years the Select Board will review the terms of the license to assure that its purpose is being served.  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Getsinger, Strayton, Tighlman NO: Schifter, Snipes, Wells, Hagerty
  14. In lieu of automatic renewal, the license should provide that the Select Board will renew the license only after a public hearing in which the performance of the licensee is reviewed.  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Getsinger, Schifter, Strayton, Tighlman NO: Snipes, Wells, Hagerty
  15. The licensee should require that voting control of the licensee be held by owners or renters of property on Chappaquiddick.  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Strayton NO: Getsinger, Schifter, Snipes, Tighlman, Wells  
ABSTAIN: Hagerty
  16. The Select Board should engage with several members of the Chappy community in evaluating the result of due diligence in connection with the application.  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Getsinger, Schifter, Strayton, Tighlman, Hagerty NO: Snipes, Wells
  17. The Select Board should defer a vote on the application beyond the hearing on May 11.  
YES: Brine, Dropick, Schifter, Strayton, Tighlman NO: Getsinger, Snipes, Wells, Hagerty

Non-committee members then asked questions and provided comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.