

# Scituate Waterways Commission

November 5, 2009

Mr. John Bulman  
Chairman, Community Preservation Committee  
Town of Scituate  
Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Mr. Bulman,

The Scituate Waterways Commission enthusiastically supports the establishment of a pedestrian promenade along the southern edge of Cole Parkway and unanimously endorses the application of Harbormaster Mark Patterson to obtain funding through the Community Preservation Committee for its construction.

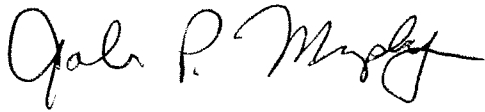
The concept of a harbor walk is very attractive for the town and would add support to the town's natural asset, the harbor. It is very fitting that the town should continue to invest in natural spaces that delineate town features as it has with the new Scituate Maritime Center, the Scituate Marine Park, and the planned upland design, which CPC had already committed to support, at the enhanced marine park.

We concur with Harbormasters Patterson's belief that the experience of visitors to the harbor will be enhanced by the creation of a safe boardwalk that provides an open space with unimpeded access and views to this beautiful and historic vista. The Commission concurred that the harbor walk would provide walkers and cyclists safe access to that portion of the harbor, would fit in well with the newly created harbor walk centered around the Harbormaster's office, and if properly documented, would provide information regarding Scituate's history. The addition of benches along Satuit Brook would make this area one of beauty and also provide the opportunity for visitors to learn more of Scituate's Irish mossing history and the role the Lucien Rousseau Landing in Cole Parkway played in contributing to that history.

It is our understanding that the Harbormaster's submission of a formal application has been delayed, nonetheless members of the Waterways Commission were in total agreement that this

is an extremely valuable undertaking and thus voted to not only support the application but to recommend it strongly to your Community Preservation Committee. It is our hope that by doing so you will take it up at your next meeting on November 9, 2009 and look favorably on this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

John Murphy  
Chairman, Waterways Commission