

# The MUSKET

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Ahoy All,

Happy New Year! This is to let you know about an important issue I emailed you about in early January. The Board of Finance tried to rush through an appropriation request from the Board of Parks and Rec for dredging the Channel leading into Compo Marina. I say "rush" because it was said that a delay would cause a delay in the work being done this year. I have since been assured that this is not so. Parks and Rec suggested a 80/20 split of the cost: 80% to be paid by slip holders but the BOF rejected the suggestion stating their expectation was that the cost should be paid 100% by the boaters. Due to the attendance of a few people, including our own Joe Schachter, who spoke up against that stand, discussion was tabled. One small victory! It came up again last night at 10.45 p.m.!! As it stands now the BOF has not approved the appropriation and Parks and Rec are standing by their recommendation of an 80/20 split.

I don't think this is fair. I support RTM member Catherine Calise that the Channel is a town asset that should be covered 100% by the town just as they cover so many other assets that are not necessarily used by everyone. The Channel is certainly used by other entities besides slip holders. It is open to the public, used by police and other emergency vehicles as well as being an emergency evacuation and mass casualty access point. We need to get the attention of as many RTM members as possible to gain their support. A showing by MYC members, especially if they would speak on the issue, at the RTM meeting on Tuesday night would be most helpful in showing members that we think it unfair that slip holders should be carrying the whole cost of this work.

If you cannot attend the meeting I ask you to take a few minutes to email the RTM members letting them know that you are against slip holders having to bear the full cost:

[RTMMailinglist@westportct.gov](mailto:RTMMailinglist@westportct.gov). This address will reach them all but if you would prefer to send an email to a specific member all their emails are on the town website.

**Again that meeting is set for Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>. Westport Town Hall 7.30 item 4 on the agenda which will, hopefully come up about 8.30 p.m.**

For more information please don't hesitate to call or email:

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