Construction start for new marina in doubt

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Town officials had hoped to begin construction of the Town Marina on Dec. 1 and complete it in time for a November 2020 opening of a new $32 million facility. But state and federal environmental permitting reviews, which are required to protect the Lake Worth Lagoon, are taking longer than expected.

“The uncertainty about getting the permitting done in time to meet the window for construction,” Town Manager Kirk Blouin told the Town Council earlier this month. Permit requests from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and new state submerged lands lease, are needed by Sept. 1 for the project to remain on schedule, according to Public Works Director Paul Brazil.

If the deadline can’t be met, one alternative is to begin work on the marina by December, using federal funds backlogged since 2016, Blouin said. Another possibility is to delay the project by a year, he added.

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Placard parking plan wins approval

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