

MINUTES
Waterways Board
Harbormaster's Office
19 Harbor Loop
Gloucester, MA 01930
April 2, 2019

Present: Chair Tony Gross, Mark Lacey, Peter Yung, Harbormaster T.J. Ciarametaro (HM), Phil Cusumano, Karen Tibbetts, Jake Vittands and Joseph Crowell

Guests: Cate Banks

Recording Secretary: Robin McQueen

The meeting was brought to order by Chair, Tony Gross at 6:00 pm

Oral Communications:

None.

Vote to Accept Minutes of 3/5/19:

Phil Cusumano made a motion to accept the 3/5/19 minutes with the following corrections:

Under Santapaola Fish Trap Permit Review it should read: Selectman **or** City Council, not Selectman **and** City Council.

Under Attendance: Joe Crowell **not** in attendance.

Peter Yung seconded the above motion. All in favor.

Blynman and Train Bridge Repair Updates:

Blynman Bridge to open this Friday, 4/5/19. Train Bridge – some repairs re: 2 tracks cut in half and to run simultaneously. Reinforcement to cut in half. Trains can keep transiting in Oct/Nov. Two-week closure of the channel. Two, 2-week sections. Dredge cables around.

The train bridge is going to have some repairs. Currently they are in the stages of reinforcing. It is a **?????** signal with two tracks on it and it will be cut it in half and operated simultaneously, remove one and they are reinforcing the bridge only to cut it in half and then build the one side and then the next so the trains can keep transiting. The majority of these constructions will continue to occur until next October. At that time there will only be a 2-week closure of the channel.

Harbormaster Building Update:

Tony Gross stated that we are now narrowing things down in regard to the new Harbormaster building. Nothing much has changed from the presentation of last month. The budget is still at 1.6 million. Final plans for construction are still being discussed. Bid should be going out soon. Removable/folding wall is absolutely needed. In addition, dry wall vs. waterproof walls was discussed due to flood area. Tiling in the bathroom has not yet been discussed. Bid to RFP in May. Contract will be awarded in June for construction right after Labor Day. Upgrade on power coming in is needed.

Mooring Renewal and Reassignment Update:

We just completed the first season on-line with digital renewals. This has been an overall big success. A few changes in credit card charges have been made; change cc fee – on line \$1.50 each rather than \$15.00 charge. These can be sent or brought into the HM office. There are roughly 32 names on mooring wait list who haven't paid. End of May or June 1st is the deadline. Reassign 10 – 15 moorings; these have been unofficially given up. Annisquam River A.C.E. by the Yacht Club, Lobster Cove. In certain areas of the river we are under an unofficial moratorium. S.E. Harbor only 3 gave up mooring. Issue 2 a week. GRID has room and 15 more can

be issued. Increased productive lobster area. 20 ft. trawls, 30 on wait list, 21 – 23 coming in with late fees. Some being waived due to proper information not being given out.

Dredging Update:

HM Ciarametaro reported that he met with the Army Corp. 2 weeks ago. Neither map is correct. It will not go in as far as originally thought. Additional samples were taken because some were right on the edge of silty material. They might not go into Lobster Cove as far as was anticipated but they might do more on this side now more TBD. More testing needed. Some of the lobsterman who fish out here had concerns. We are in the process of mitigating their reasonable concerns. Buoy markers will be issued. There are many stipulations for dredging; water quality certifications, soil samples, timing exemptions for flounder.

Harbormaster Report:

Office – all Boats getting met with DPW Rocky Neck. Go tr. Parking lot non parking spot tucked out of the way. OK with Mayor’s office. Claims to property of left side of street. 20 spots. We’re just using 1 spot. Lane’s Cove 2 -3 spots, then Magnolia. No-wake buoys. Need gate to make more visible. C.G. auxiliary to verify where they are at. Decals on rings at the bottom. April 1st Dockwa reservation. Go 60? reservation 8 – 10 am. Fiesta Labor Day Schooner Fest. Re-numbered mooring field. Actively scallop boat. Divers came out. It was re: diver marked mooring. Block not destroyed. Salem not well marketed. Impact our dredging. Dirk, Joe Bee, Drum Witch on a cycle too. Building moorings or docks.

There has been an advertisement for hiring one new HM assistant. Pete, currently serving as the Shellfish Constable can also serve as HM assistant. He is a good candidate for this position.

Discussion Items That Were Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairperson, in Accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 30A, Sec. 18-25:

None.

Adjourn:

Mark Lacey made a motion to adjourn meeting @ 6:29 pm, Phil Cusumano seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin McQueen
Recording Secretary