

MINUTES
Waterways Board
Harbormaster's Office
19 Harbor Loop
Gloucester, MA 01930
June 4, 2019

Present: Co-Chair Mark Lacey, Peter Yung, Harbormaster T.J. Ciarametaro (HM), Chad Johnson (DHM), Karen Tibbetts, Jake Vittands, Russ Sherman and Joseph Crowell

Guests: Cate Banks

Recording Secretary: Robin McQueen

The meeting was brought to order by Co-Chair, Mark Lacey at 6:00 pm

Oral Communications:

Use of transient moorings and noise. In particularly in Lobster Cove for the past 2 summers. Add some loose, written language in the transient mooring section that puts the onus on the permittee to make sure that they are not making excessive noises. A neighboring business, The Market Restaurant is also affected by this situation.

Cate Banks voiced her concerns to the board regarding transient boater's use of moorings in Lobster Cove and excessive noise, i.e., loud generators being run in a quiet neighborhood most of the day without someone being present. At present, there are 4 moorings but only 3 are usable due to the fact that the 4th one is too tight of a fit for boats. HM Ciarametaro stated that the board cannot take action on this matter, however, he suggested that Cate write up the language for him and he would present this to the sub-committee first and then it will go to Legal. Peter Yung made a motion to accept this and Karen Tibbetts seconded. All in favor.

Vote to Accept Minutes of 4/2/19:

Accepted with the following change: Under Blynman and Train Bridge Repair Updates, second paragraph, third sentence: It is a **bascule** signal.

Peter Yung made a motion to accept the minutes with change above, Jake Vittands seconded the motion. All in favor.

Hear George Schlichte Request:

George Schlichte came before the board to ask permission for his old mooring back to run a bait and tackle/breakfast/lunch hut. He had this mooring for 12 years. Since no one is using it and the area in which it is situated cannot be used for a boat leaving the mooring for the ocean he asks if he would be able to claim it for his new business venture. He states that this was recently inspected and approved by the Gloucester Board of Health. In addition, he states he is living on the boat and in the past he ran it for 3 yrs as a water shuttle, booze cruise and harbor tours. He finally built a house on it. The boat has a compost toilet, EU 2,000 used during the day, solar panels and inverter battery. There are 3 sinks, one for hands, the second for wash and the third for rinse. It is a self-sufficient operation. Deputy HM Johnson said that he has seen the boat. HM Ciarametaro stated that he is in favor of granting this on a trial basis as a business. This is new revenue for the area and would be helping a small business. Russ Sherman made a motion to accept this with stipulation, Karen Tibbetts seconded this motion and all in favor. George to meet with HM Ciarametaro this Wednesday or Friday.

Harbormaster Report:

Mooring program is running well. We are currently down to 8 moorings not paid for, 9 people on wait list. \$5,200 has been brought in.

The kayak racks have brought in \$5,000 to date. They are placed in Lanes Cove with 60 spots and 24 in Rocky Neck. Over 80% of people got a spot who reside in the neighborhood. There are 4 – 5 spots left and are filling up fast.

There are new signs up at Harbor Loop. Another sign ?????

The HM office is ready for Fiesta.

Transient moorings down in number for this time of year with at least 10 – 15% not in use.

River Fest coming here year.

All HM office equipment is operational.

City Council has approved budget our budget.

New position for Dock Master has been approved by Human Resources. This is a Fri, Sat, Sun position. Lenny Biando has been selected for position. He ran the transient mooring last season. This is a part time/seasonal trial position @ \$15.00 - \$18.00 an hour. Duties include tie ups, pump outs, running transient moorings, etc.

Public landings open. There are 25 moorings to issue. Will continue to follow up on this task. Jim Marshall surveying outlying area such as Hodgkins Cove, Cambridge Beach, Rains Beach Fresh Water Cove and Lanes Cove. These areas typically overlooked due to being so far out, but can be used. This is a focus at this time.

We were not able to acquire a back up dock. Six boats on mooring.

Install a floating dock.

Two research vessels are actively researching the eel grass and salt marsh. This falls under Chapter 91.

We are actively engaged and getting permit. UMass is conducting research in this area.

Dredging update: Currently set for Oct 1st. Bids are now going out and will be in approximately 3 weeks from now.

Army Corp of Engineers here from 10/1/19 and 2/1/20. Lobster Cove. May need a second season as the mouth of Lobster Cove is closing in with silty sand.

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

None.

Adjourn:

Peter Yung made a motion to adjourn meeting @ 6:37 pm, Karen Tibbets seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin McQueen
Recording Secretary