

## MINUTES

Waterways Board  
December 4, 2013  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
City Hall  
Gloucester, MA 01930

Present: Anthony Gross, Cate Banks, Vito Calomo, Dave McCauley, Patti Page, Ralph Pino, Mark Lacey, Bob Gillis, James Caulkett

Also Present: Tom Hovey, Donna Crocker

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**Oral Communications:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously to accept the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with the following correction: Page one, Election of Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence, delete “elects” replace with “nominates”; 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence: delete “no opposition”, add “the Board voted unanimously on the nomination” **Motion passed**

**Language and date for Public Hearing Notice on Article 4, Mooring Regulations:**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously on the Regulations Review Committee’s recommendation that the full Board rescind the votes taken on the new changes for the sections of Article IV: Section 2 J, Section 3 C&E, Section 5 C&G, Section 10 B, and Section 11 E&F. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously on the Regulations Review Committee’s recommendation that the Board hold a Public Hearing on proposed changes to Article IV of the Policies, Rules and Regulations Governing Gloucester’s Waterways and Public Waterfront Facilities; Section 2 J, Section 3 C&E, Section 5 C&G, Section 10 B and Section 11 E&F at 7 p.m. in the Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester. **Motion passed**  
Chairman Gross and Cate met with several members of the Eastern Point Yacht Club to discuss their concerns and how they have been working for the public good.

**Inner Harbor Moorings Relocation Notice:** Chairman Gross spoke of his concern on the time limit of 30 days on relocations of moorings. He feels a longer length of time should be offered. Discussion followed. June 15<sup>th</sup> was agreed by all.

**Meeting turned over to Vice-Chair Cate Banks**

**Marcia O'Brien Campground Moorings:** Rescheduled to January, 2014 meeting.

**Patrick Scalli Mooring Swap:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously to refer this to Public Facilities Committee.

**Interim Subleases at Commercial Marinas:** Referred to Regulations Review Committee

**Harbormaster Evaluation Process:** Cate explained the sheet and procedure used for the evaluation of the Harbormaster. Sheets should be given to Chairman Gross by the next meeting.

**Update on WWB Actions Initiated at the Previous WWB Meeting:** Cate stated there should be a follow-up at the next meeting on the actions noted in the minutes of the previous meeting. Several suggestions were given on who should do the follow-up.

**Harbormaster Report:** Donna Crocker and Board members questioned the procedure on revoking a mooring. Jim spoke in lengthy detail, noting the various steps taken to work with people, each being on a case by case basis. Donna spoke of several moorings in question and will send photos to Jim. A lengthy discussion by all followed. The City Council Budget & Finance Committee approved the Board's request for CPA Grant Funds. Jim met with a local contractor and received a quote to build and install 4 new keel blocks at Cripple Cove Public Landing Careening Wall. Jim filed an application for additional grant funds through the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) for a new outboard motor for the pumpout boat; also, he filed through the Mayor's Office requesting the City Council approval of this grant. A letter has been sent to all moorings holders who are in the eel grass areas; a meeting needs to be held with these people.

**Harbor Plan Update:** Ralph reported the Harbor Plan committee has meet several times and has accomplished very little so far; a deeply divided committee as to what people think on subjects. Some feel the DPA is okay, others want to get rid of the DPA. Patti stated the WWB needs to have positions not just Ralph's personal opinion; Ralph agreed. Ralph spoke of a workshop on more flexibility within the DPA area. Jim stated the Solomon Jacobs project should be sent to the Harbor Plan Committee.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Public Facilities: Cate reported on the presentation by Doug Cameron of the State's Office of Fishing and Boating Access. The Gloucester City Council has already entered into the land management agreement with the State for the creation of this car top landing. Because the State funds will be used to create the maintenance of this landing, it is required that it be open to all on an equal basis and that there be a minimum of 4 parking spaces dedicated to the land and identified with signage that will be installed by the State. It was suggested that the Board take the position that County Landing be returned to being used solely as a landing.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously on the recommendation of the Public Facilities Committee that the City work with the Office of Fishing and Boating Access and go forward with this project.

**Motion passed**

The committee discussed the possibility of utilizing the parking lot off Rocky Neck Avenue to create a public landing. Cate will look into this further and report back to the committee. Jim received a request from Mr. Jack McKay about swapping mooring locations with Mr. Jerry McKay Jr. Referred back to Public Facilities.

Operations & Finance, Safety: Dave reported discussing the update on timelines, project elements and funding for Solomon Jacobs Project and timeline for expenditure of Seaport Council Funding, taking money from free cash for the purchase of mooring management software, an establishment of a stabilization fund titled the Solomon Jacobs Harbormaster Complex Construction Fund, increase in salary for the launch operators, and the increase in launch fees.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Vito Calomo, the Board voted unanimously that the Board should proceed with an effort to postpone the expenditure deadline for the Seaport Council funding to 6/30/15. **Motion passed- placed on WWB**

**January agenda**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously that the WWB dedicate up to \$4500 from FY14 free cash for technical improvements to the mooring management system and WWB website. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Vito Calomo the committee recommend the WWB promptly pursue the establishment of a stabilization fund titled Solomon Jacobs Harbormaster Complex Construction Fund. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to increase the salary for the launch operators from \$10-12 to \$12-15.

**Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to increase the launch fee to \$5 per person, free for 12 years and under.

**Motion passed**

Dave reviewed the figures for FY2015 with Board members. Discussion on the figures followed.

Regulations Review: Cate reported that the committee agreed that reviewing Article 2, Section 12, Public Hearing was not necessary since they felt the present language is correct.

Ad-Hoc Committee: Vacant moorings with no boat, vacant moorings not reassigned, and mooring renewal process was discussed.

**Future Meetings:** Public Facilities the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, Regulations Review no December meeting, Operations & Finance/Safety December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Continuing and Unanticipated Business:** None

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds