

Minutes

**Public Facilities Committee
Gloucester High School Guidance Department Conference Room
Leslie O. Johnson Rd.
Gloucester, MA 01930
April 16, 2013**

Present: Patti Page, Jim Bordinaro, Jim Caulkett and Cate Banks

Chairperson Banks opened the meeting at 6:03 P.M. and asked Jim Bordinaro to sit in as a voting member of the committee since he was present and we have lost Joe Borland.

Item One: Essex County Greenbelt/Waterside Lane property: Cate Banks reported on having done some research about how the ECG maintains and oversees their properties. She reported that the organization appears to have a very organized volunteer system in place and therefore the Board and HM office should not have concerns about how the proposed parking area along Waterside Lane will be maintained.

On a **motion** made by Cate Banks with a second by Patti Page the Public Facilities committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Waterways Board notify the Essex County Greenbelt that we are pleased with their plan to allow landing parking on their newly acquired Judd Property on Waterside Lane near the Freshwater Cove public landing.

Item Two: Discussion of various public landings: Cate Banks and Jim Caulkett reported on the status of the proposed agreement between the State Board of Boating Access and the City of Gloucester regarding the creation of a car top landing at the County Landing site. A diagram and description of what the State proposes is to be presented to the administration, DPW and the city solicitor.

The discussion went on to the topic of what the Board might consider doing at the Landing at the Head of Lobster Cove to preserve the new survey boundary locations. One idea is to set a granite marker with a Landing Plaque at the corner of the white fence that is encroaching on the landing. Jim and Cate are to combine materials for a file to be in the Harbormaster's office documenting the wall and fence encroachment on the Lane Road side of what is known as "Gardiner's" property.

Jim reported that the DPW will cut the curb at Hodgkin's Cove landing when work is being done in the street. This is in preparation for creating parking at that landing if CPA funds are made available.

Jim reported that the archives department has not found any indication that the landing on Wheeler's Point, known as "Sutter Landing", has ever been a city property. More research is needed. The general consensus of the committee is that that responsibility may fall to those with deeded rights to the landing area.

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Item Three: Mooring Inventory/Management: Jim reported that his office is working on locating the 120 (+/-) unbound personal moorings throughout Gloucester's waters. He will have the report by the next PF meeting, or before. He also provided details of the number of amendments to permits that were granted and broke the report down to monies lost compared to monies gained by the changes in vessel length. The committee requested that the focus be put on the downsized vessels to see if, by their reduction, room for new moorings can be created.

Item Four: Inner Harbor Mooring Grid: The committee agreed that the Inner Harbor mooring grid plan needs to wait until the feasibility study of the floating marina is completed. In the meantime the Regulations Review Committee is to review the section of the regulations dealing with minimum standards for ground tackle. Jim Caulkett is to ask the permittees in the Inner Harbor mooring field to report the actual length of scope on their mooring at this time.

Item Five: Review of Chapter 91 licenses: Aileen Terrace has received final approval from the State

Item Six: Review of amendments to mooring permits: No new amendment requests were presented. Jim will present his findings, mentioned about, to the Board.

Item Seven: Continuing and unanticipated: Jim reported on communications with Steve Winslow of Open Space and Recreation about sign installation. Cate Banks impressed upon Jim that we cannot wait for that joint venture if it will drag much into the season. The Public Landing signs need to be installed ASAP.

The committee was reminded to look into the installation of "No Wake" information signs being installed at the boat launch ramp areas around the City.

Patti Page reminded the committee that Mike Brien, a tenant at the St. Peter's marina is due back before the Board in June.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cate Banks