

# Minutes

**Public Facilities Committee  
Gloucester High School Guidance Department Conference Room  
Leslie O. Johnson Rd.  
Gloucester, MA 01930  
January 15, 2013**

**Present:** Patti Page, Phil Cusumano , Cate Banks and Jim Caulkett

**Also Present:** Michael Count, CLE engineering

Chairperson Banks opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Chairperson Banks suggested that the agenda items be taken out of order to accommodate the presentation by Mr. Count. All agreed.

**Item Three: Inner Harbor Mooring Grid:** Michael Count began with a brief introduction about himself and his involvement with CLE . He then explained the mooring grid that CLE has presented for the Inner Harbor mooring field of Gloucester Harbor. He stated that CLE will be providing a memorandum of mooring installation requirements and suggested that the Waterways Board consider incorporating these into the appropriate section of the city's mooring regulations.

He further stated that, with input from the Harbormaster, CLE will provide a final plan for mooring assignments in a spreadsheet with coordinates to facilitate installation. The use of differential GPS is essential for successful placement of moorings with the degree of overlap that is proposed.

Jim asked Michael if CLE might be able to give examples of how other communities implemented their re-grid plan.

Chairperson Banks asked the committee to review the points discussed at the December 18 2012 Public Facilities meeting regarding a list of tasks to be addressed in order to proceed with the re-grid.

**Item Two: Mooring Inventory:** Jim Caulkett explained to the committee that further work on the inner harbor mooring field inventory has resulted in establishing that approximately 56 of the 58 permitted moorings for the field have been located. Some questions arose as to exactly how many moorings, personal , transient, and municipal transient moorings included, need to be placed in this mooring field. Jim will get a hard number for the Board to work with.

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**Item One: Temporary Increase of Transient Moorings:** The committee is unanimous in feeling that it is premature to be planning the financial investment and placement of temporary transient moorings. The Board needs to discuss, and outline, where these moorings would be proposed to be installed and for what purpose.

**Item Four: Review of Chapter 91 licenses** One Chapter 91 license application was presented by Jim Caulkett. The site has been visited by himself and a member of Public Facilities. There were no issues about this project that would require review by the Board.

**Item Five: Review of amendments to mooring permits** : A mooring swap request has been received by the Harbormaster's office by two permittees, one with a mooring in Smith's Cove and the other with a mooring in South East Harbor. The vessels are the same length and they wish to swap locations as is permitted in the regulations. Jim will speak with the permittees about this request.

**Item Six: Continuing and unanticipated business** Jim presented an article about the recent Supreme Court decision regarding "Floating Homes". He will provide copies of the article to all Board members.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cate Banks