

**Public Facilities Committee
3rd Floor Council Conference Room
City Hall 9 Dale Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930
August 20, 2013**

Minutes

Present: Patti Page, Bob Gillis, Cate Banks and Jim Caulkett

Also Present: Aaron Tuffly

Chairperson Banks opened the meeting at 6:03 P.M.

Item One: Aaron Tuffly Amend Mooring Permit request

Mr. Tuffly informed the committee that the vessel currently on his mooring in the river is registered, titled and has a valid mooring permit. He is asking permission to increase the width of his vessel, length to remain the same, by bolting the five foot wide addition to his vessel. Chairperson Banks stated to the committee and Mr. Tuffly that his vessel is also commonly referred to as a “houseboat” and that Gloucester has a long history of dispute about permitting this type of vessel. She explained that it is time for the Waterways Board to take this issue up and draft clear, concise and fair regulations for the permitting of this type of vessel. She also pointed out that the committee has one new member and the other member has only been on the board for a relatively short period of time. Therefore she stated that the topic will be referred to the Regulations Review Committee where language will be drafted and presented to the full board for consideration. Mr. Tuffly will be notified as to the time and place of the next RRC meeting. The Harbormaster informed the committee that his office has received several letters in support of Mr. Tuffly’s request. Jim will provide copies of those letters to the Regulations Review Committee.

Item Two: Orientation for new Board member/information on BIG grant and other current projects

The Harbormaster presented plans and drawings to give Bob Gillis, the newest Board member, an overview of some of the projects that are on the table of the Waterways Board; Solomon Jacobs/Boater Infrastructure Grant (BIG), Fish Pier and County Landing.

The committee agreed to take Items Five and Six out of order

Item Five: Review of Chapter 91 licenses

Jim informed the committee that there is one chapter 91 license that has been completed and another that is going through the process. Neither of them did he feel needed input from the Board.

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Item Six: Review of Amendments to mooring permits:

Jim informed the committee that there has been a request to increase a vessel length by 5 feet in the Freshwater Cove mooring field and that he is evaluating if there is room to grant the request.

Item Three: CPA Grants; Hodgkins and Lobster Coves

Jim gave a detailed description of the CPA grant applications that the Board has before the Community Preservation Committee. The purpose of the presentation was to inform the new member, Bob Gillis.

Item Four: Inner Harbor Mooring re-grid and Mooring Inventory/Management

Jim also gave a detailed presentation about the process and status of the mooring survey and inventory. He also gave a description of the Inner Harbor mooring field re-grid plan developed by CLE. Cate Banks informed the committee that once the future of the proposed floating marina has been determined, after a meeting with city council, the committee will develop a re-grid of the inner harbor moorings.

Item Seven: Continuing and unanticipated business:

Jim reminded the committee that a public hearing needs to be scheduled for the permittees who will be offered the eco moorings by the Logan Airport runway extension project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cate Banks