

**Public Facilities Committee  
1st Floor Council Conference Room  
City Hall 9 Dale Avenue  
Gloucester, MA 01930  
December 30, 2013**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Patti Page, Mark Lacey, Cate Banks and Jim Caulkett

**Also Present:** Patrick Scalli

Chairperson Banks opened the meeting at 4:01 P.M.

**Item One: Amendment to permit request by Patrick Scalli**

Mr. Scalli explained to the committee that he has purchased a 48' vessel which is not suitable for the current mooring location that he is permitted for, # 524, located in area C of the Annisquam River for a 26' vessel. Therefore an amendment to permit is not an option at this location. He further explained that he has looked into a mooring swap, as allowed in the mooring regulations. He has contacted two permittees who each have a mooring in the Inner Harbor and they are agreeable to the following: Permittee # 97, currently with a 30' vessel, to downsize to a 16' vessel and move to Area C. Permittee # 76, currently with a 30' vessel, to downsize and relocate to the location of permit # 97. Mr. Scalli requests that he be issued the location of permit # 76 and increase the size to accommodate his 48' vessel. The Harbormaster could create a new mooring space in Area C for the holder of permit # 97 and then reissue Mr. Scalli's # 524 to a person on the waitlist.

A long discussion followed about the current focus on re-gridding the Inner Harbor Mooring field with an eye to the possibility of creating new mooring spots for both people waiting on the wait list and for more city run transient moorings. It also was pointed out that permit # 76 is currently situated over the boundary of the Inner Harbor mooring field and is in the Federal Anchorage. Mark Lacey asked the Harbormaster to find out what the vessel lengths are of the people in the top five spots of the wait list for the inner harbor. He explained that this mooring field is one of the most visible and people waiting for years for a spot there might question the logic of granting this swap over issuing the permit to one of them. It also was pointed out that moving moorings out of the Federal Anchorage has been discussed as part of the re-grid concept.

The committee was not able to come up with a recommendation and will present these facts to the full board. Jim Caulkett will have the details of the vessels waiting for a mooring at that time.

**Item Two: Mooring Field management – physical and actual**

The committee discussed the status of the mooring fields that had undergone a thorough survey in the 2013 boating season. There was discussion about the potential of increasing the number of moorings in these fields once any appeals for permit revocations have been completed. Jim Caulkett reported that only about eight small boats will be relocated in the Inner Harbor. The committee also discussed the possibilities of adding moorings in the remaining mooring fields. There will be continued focus on this.

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**Item Three: Mooring Field management – technology**

The committee discussed the fact that the Board has voted to seek funds to upgrade the mooring management software in the Harbormaster's office. Patti Page volunteered to make calls to other communities to see if there is software readily available. She took suggestions from Jim and the other committee members as to what communities would be good to contact and what features to be looking for.

**Item Four: Public Facilities goals and objectives for 2014**

The committee began a list of goals and objectives. This is just a beginning and work will continue. The list so far includes: assess how moorings can be increased by ten percent in Gloucester's waterways, re-grid of the Inner Harbor mooring field, review of transient mooring permit holders as is called for in the regulations, Jim Caulkett will draft a letter for review; Patti Page will continue the inventory of the city dinghy docks that was begun in 2012 and she also asked that a community boating center be added to the list.

**Item Five: Review of Chapter 91 licenses**     None

**Item Five: Review of Amendments to mooring permits:** None

**Item Six: Continuing and unanticipated business:**

Jim reported that the information regarding the upcoming public hearing has been posted on the Harbormaster page of the city website under Resources. The advertisement has gone out, although it did not include the information about the website. The mailing to the waitlist people will be going out and will include the website detail.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cate Banks