

# Minutes

**Public Facilities Committee  
Gloucester High School Guidance Department Conference Room  
Leslie O. Johnson Rd.  
Gloucester, MA 01930  
January 23, 2014**

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

**Also Present:** Marcia O'Brien, Sarah Garcia, Tony Gross and Jim Bordinaro

Chairperson Banks opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and recognized that there was a quorum of the Waterways Board present at the meeting.

The committee agreed to take agenda items out of order while awaiting the arrival of Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Garcia

### **Item 3: Draft of letter to Transient Mooring Permittees**

Cate Banks presented a draft letter (attached to these minutes) for the committee to review. On a **Motion** by Mark Lacey, seconded by Patti Page it was voted unanimously to accent the last sentence of the draft letter in bold type and forward the letter to the Waterways Board for approval.

### **Item 1: Marcia O'Brien - campground moorings in Little River**

Ms. O'Brien presented a brief outline of the proposed use of the three transient moorings that had been permitted to the campground facility prior to her purchase of the property. The outline described that beginning on April 1, 2014 she will be offering seasonal rentals on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. The outline stated that the renters are transients and the moorings need to be the same. Having moorings for the renters would allow her business to be more competitive and losing them would hurt her business.

Committee members discussed the fact that the property now consists of 2 two-family buildings rather than the multiple of lodging sites that the campground originally was comprised of, the location of the three transient moorings is not conducive to inviting the transient boating public at large to rent these moorings and that there currently are approximately 139 people on the mooring waiting list for the Little River mooring field.

A long discussion followed centered around whether issuing these three moorings as transients served the public's best interest. On a **Motion** by Mark Lacey with a second by Patti Page it was voted unanimously to recommend to the Waterways Board that Ms. O'Brien be granted one transient mooring.

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## **Item 2: Sarah Garcia - potential location for Seaport funded bottom anchored floats**

Ms. Garcia presented some aerial photos of Gloucester's inner harbor and Smith's Cove. Mark Lacey suggested that the water sheet area on the other side of the federal channel from the Fort, in the vicinity between the Paint Factory and the first waterfront house on Horton Street would be a good place to moor transient floats. Discussion followed and it was decided that the lobsterman and the property owners might have strong objections to this proposal.

The next area discussed was using the water sheet owned by Americold at their East Gloucester location. Two possibilities exist but permission would need to be granted by the property owners.

The committee then discussed that these funds might be better spent to have new floats built for the proposed new Harbormaster dock system and that these floats might be able to be used temporarily for transients, if a location can be found, until the Harbormaster Complex project is completed.

Jim Caulkett is to come up with potential dimensions and costs for this proposal and he and Sarah will work together to find a location.

## **Item 4: Discussion to plan a presentation of Conservation Moorings to affected permittees**

Jim Caulkett reported that he has sent a letter to the permittees who qualify for the conservation mooring gear. On a **Motion** by Mark Lacey, seconded by Patti Page it was voted unanimously to recommend to the full board that a date, time and location be chosen to meet with the permittees and that an invitation be sent to all affected as well as to the mooring gear contractor(s).

## **Item 5: Discuss creating a plan to increase moorings in Gloucester waters**

Jim Caulkett presented a chart that he had worked on several years ago when the Waterways Board was proposing to increase moorings in the outer harbor. Several areas still have room for more moorings. He also pointed out some possible spaces in mooring fields in the river. He will continue to analyze the various mooring fields and present a complete report at the April Waterways Board meeting.

## **Item 6: Review of Chapter 91 licenses    None**

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## **Item 7: Review of amendments to mooring permits**

Jim Caulkett reported the following amendment requests;

- # 310 EPYC area decrease from 20' to 17'
- #458 Area B decrease from 14' to 12'
- #328 EPYC area decrease from 23' to 22'
- #622 Mill River decrease from 17' to 16'
- # 683 Area E increase from 24' to 25'
- # 27 Smith Cove increase from 41' to 43'

On a **Motion** by Mark Lacey seconded by Patti Page it was voted unanimously to recommend to the full board that Jim Caulkett be allowed to grant the requested amendments to 5 of the 6 with the exception of # 27 in Smith's Cove that needs a closer look and should be brought before the Waterways Board.

## **Item 8: Continuing and unanticipated business**

Jim Caulkett reported that he has advertised the following public hearings for renewal of 10A float permits;

February 25<sup>th</sup>

5:00 P.M. George Sibley

5:30 P.M. Annisquam Market Marina

6:00 P.M. City of Gloucester sailing school floats

To be held in the third floor conference room of City Hall.

Public Facilities needs to try again to schedule the review of the mooring permit issued to George Schlite

Jim has several mooring applications that he will present to the Waterways Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cate Banks