

MINUTES

Waterways Board
November 6, 2013
3rd Floor Conference Room
City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930

Present: Anthony Gross, Cate Banks, Vito Calomo, Dave McCauley, Patti Page, Mark Lacey, Bob Gillis, James Caulkett

Also Present: Rolfe Graham, Mrs. Graham, Tom Hovey

Co-Chair Cate Banks opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Oral Communications: None

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Bob Gillis, second by Patti Page the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of October 1, 2013 with following correction:

Delete “Chairman” before Anthony Gross. **Motion passed**

On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Patti Page the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting on October 31st with the following correction:

Replace “Chairman” with “Anthony” before Gross. **Motion passed**

On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Public Facilities meeting of October 15th. **Motion passed**

Election of Chairman: Cate Banks, second by Vito Calomo elects Anthony Gross as Chairman – no opposition. **Chairman Gross takes over the meeting.**

Rolfe Graham Mooring Reinstatement: Board members discussed the request of Rolfe Graham reinstating his son Michael’s mooring to him. Jim spoke of receiving an e-mail from Michael in August stating he was giving up the mooring. The discussion continued on correspondence from Michael Graham, the wait list, and the rules. **The revocation stands.**

Cripple Cove Repair to Cement Pads: Jim needs to get quotes from contractors and stated paying attention to the Notice of Intent.

National Grid Status: Jim spoke of the special meeting on October 31st with National Grid; the main concern was the walkway from Solomon Jacobs to the Heritage Center, the connection for the pump-out facility, the connections for the gangways, and the time frame could change. Also discussed was the floor plan. David suggested having a special committee to work on the floor plan.

Limited Access: Chairman Gross stated the vote taken at the last meeting was in error.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Chairman Gross, second by Patti Page the Board voted unanimously to rescind the Waterways Board vote of October 1, 2013 that deleted limited access areas listed in Article IV Section 10, Designated Mooring Areas Subsection B from the regulations due to lack of a public hearing. **Motion passed**

Cate stated this should be sent to Regulations Review Committee to work on a proposal to be presented to the full Board before any Public Hearing takes place.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously to refer this to the Regulations Review Committee.

Harbormaster Report: Roseanne Joyce, Mass Port, has received the signed eelgrass mitigation contract. A special account will be established by the Auditor to receive the allocated funds once the City receives their signature. There is an injury claim against the City as a result of a person breaking their ankle at the foot ramp leading to Wonson's Cove in the Trefry Park. Jim noted the boats that have been taken out for the winter also, the floats out in Lanes Cove, Magnolia, and Solomon Jacobs. The Coast Guard notified Jim that NOAA had stopped printing paper charts.

Report Subcommittee Reports:

Public Facilities: Cate spoke of regriding the Inner Harbor. Mark Lacey and Jim Marshall will work on developing a draft plan for the committee to discuss at their November meeting. Cate informed the Board of the proposed float system in Smith Cove with Conservation Commission and Shellfish in support of it. A lengthy discussion followed on the Harbor Commissioners Line, depth of water, and a Public Hearing to be held to gather comments from interest parties.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously to withdraw the motion by Patti Page and Bob Gillis to recommend to the full Board that it authorize the Harbormaster to proceed with seeking Conservation Commission approval for a float system off the city owned parking lot on Rocky Neck Ave. to the maximum extent possible. **Motion passed**

The committee discussed use of placards for tenants and their crew at Harbor Cove Commercial Docks. After Jim presented various placards the Board decided to use the current placard. Jim reported meeting with Gail Smith on surveying property lines at Lanes Cove. Amendments to permits were discussed. Jim stated this should continue to be at Public Facilities, then the full Board. Jim was asked to present to the Board at the December meeting the procedure for the revocation of a mooring for lack of use.

Operations, Finance & Safety: Dave's report was in the way of three motions: 1. Create an Ad Hoc Subcommittee, 2. Floating docks, 3. Engine for the Parker.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to create an Ad Hoc subcommittee to work on a facilities plan for the building housing the Harbormaster's complex plus the outside, including related uses and is authorized to incur reasonable expenses in pursuit of this goal. **Motion passed**

Chairman Gross chose Mark Lacey, Ralph Pino and Jim Caulkett to serve on this committee

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously that the Waterways Board affirm its full support for the dedication of the remaining \$200,000 in Seaport Council funds to purchase docks for the Harbormaster's Complex at the Solomon Jacobs landing. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously that the Board dedicates not more than \$16,000 for the purchase of a new engine for the Parker and directs that these funds shall come from the Certified Free Cash Account. **Motion passed**

Regulations Review: No report

Future Meetings: A list of Waterways Board meetings for 2014 was discussed. January 1st is a holiday; therefore, the Board needs to change the date.

Continuing and Unanticipated Business: Chairman Gross appointed Bob Gillis to the Operations, Finance & Safety Committee with Mark Lacey moving to Public Facilities. Chairman Gross informed Board members of the change in Lobster Cove project area being reduced in size, therefore all property owners with floats in this area will now be legal. He continued with speaking of dredging in Lobster Cove. Jim commented on County Landing and will contact Doug Cameron to set up another meeting. Patti spoke of the Harbor Plan Review Committee. She feels a monthly update of the meetings should occur so the Board can discuss the issues.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds