

Minutes

**Public Facilities Committee
Gloucester High School Guidance Department Conference Room
Leslie O. Johnson Rd.
Gloucester, MA 01930
August 20, 2012**

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

Also Present: Vito Calamo (arrived later creating a quorum of the Waterways Board)

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

Item 1 Commercial Eligibility Requirements for Dockage at City Owned Commercial Marinas

The committee referred to the list created at the June Public Facilities meeting with regard to possible eligibility requirements. Specifically, requiring a minimum numbers of days of active fishing and landing slips for each season were discussed along with, proof of “two seasons” of fishing. The length of season for striper and tuna fishing was discussed with the result being a requirement that holders of these permits also be require to hold a permit/license for a year round (full season) fishery. Finally, there was a question as to whether a licensed commercial fishing vessel carries a specific insurance policy stating it covers a commercial vessel. Jim offered to look into this.

On a motion of Phil Cusumano with a second by Cate Banks the committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the following four requirements be met by tenants in order to establish eligibility for dockage at City Owned Commercial Marinas;

The tenant must provide proof of the following;

- 1) Landing slips
- 2) Valid insurance
- 3) Full season fishing permit/license
- 4) Vessel is fully rigged for permitted fishery

Number 4, above, is a new requirement and may require a legal opinion.

Cate will check with the city’s legal department about the option of requiring a tenant’s tax return as proof of being actively engaged in fishing.

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Item 2: Report on Site Visits to City Owned Commercial Marinas The committee members visited the two city owned commercial marinas on August 1st. The new members were introduced to these facilities and the overall condition was noted. Tom Hovey expressed the opinion that none of the committee members are qualified to do a proper evaluation and that the marinas should be evaluated by a professional.

Item 3: Report on Public Landing Site Visits Hodgkins Cove and Brown's Mill landing were visited on August 9. The committee will schedule more landings to visit in the future and compile a list of recommendations.

Item 4: Harbormaster 's Report on National Grid/Solomon Jacobs Jim reported that Ken Lento says the permitting process has slowed but might be submitted by October. Also that Dave Smith of GZA is working on the design for the new float configuration for Solomon Jacobs. Jim also mentioned that Ken Lento will be working on the terms of the long term lease agreement between National Grid and the City of Gloucester. Cate asked Jim to get something in writing from Ken that we are moving in the direction of having the use of their water sheet that abuts the city's at Solomon Jacobs..

Item 5: Review of Chapter 91 licenses None

Item 6: Review of amendments to mooring permits None

Item 7: Fishing on Public Landings Jim asked about any regulations regarding fishing at landings because there has been a small problem at Solomon Jacobs. It was agreed that Jim would solve this problem with the help of the police department. Vito expressed that it is important that fishing continue to be allowed from our landings and shores.

Item 8: Continuing and other business Jim requested that the regulation for anchoring be revisited. Cate suggested that this go to the Regulations Review committee. Jim also reported that there are still some problems with the IT department but that once those are ironed out the Harbormaster page will be updated as has been requested.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cate Banks