

Minutes

**Public Facilities Committee
Gloucester High School Guidance Department Conference Room
Leslie O. Johnson Rd.
Gloucester, MA 01930
May 15, 2012**

Present: Patti Page, Phil Cusumano, Cate Banks, Jim Caulkett,

Also Present: Tom Hovey, alternate

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

Item 1: Process for adjustments for events involving Dun Fudgin public launch ramp Jim Caulkett reported on the history of the use of the launch ramp by the annual Blackburn Challenge. Cate reported that the Access Board has a permit process for groups who wish to use one of the Access Board's launch ramps. Jim will contact Doug Cameron and inquire about the permit process and how it might affect the collection of fees considering that the MA Bay Junior Olympic Regatta Festival will be using the launch ramp in August. Phi inquired about credit for fees not collected.

Item 2: County landing, Gardiner's Landing and Old Wharf/Sutter's landings Cate reminded the committee that the Board is still waiting to hear from the Mayor about creating a car top landing at County landing in conjunction with the Access Board. Gardiner's landing was discussed to illustrate that the city has lost valuable access landings in the inner harbor over the years. Gardiner's had been sold in the 1800's. Old Wharf and Sutter's might be deeded landings and not public landings. Jim will have the Archives department research this. The committee members agreed to schedule site visits of selected public landings.

Item 3: Proposed Survey of transient vessel use of local, private marinas Phil Cusumano presented a revised version of the draft survey that had been created by Patti Page. The committee made some minor adjustments and agreed to present the draft to the full board at the June meeting. Jim Caulkett is to draft a cover letter.

Item 4: Inner harbor mooring field grid progress and goals Jim Caulkett reported that the scheduling of a meeting with John Bishop, re: his gridding software, is tentatively set for Jun 4th. Jim Marshall will be at the meeting to learn the software. A report might be available at the June board meeting.

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Item 5: Review of Chapter 91 licenses In response to a question from Cate, Jim reported that the DEP used to send someone to check on compliance with the terms of chapter 91 licenses in Gloucester but that has not been happening of late. Patti Page expressed concern that there may be instances of non-compliance, particularly on properties in the area of harbor cove near St. Peter's park. The committee agreed that the first question that needs answering is whether the Waterways Board should have the task of being the watch dog for compliance of chapter 91 licenses. Followed by the question of what does the board do if it is our job. Also, what is the best way to handle review of licenses as they are received. The committee will seek guidance from the board and DEP.

Item 6: Discussion of Article IV Mooring regulations Section 7 Transient Moorings E. Review and Approval The revised regulations call for a periodic review of the transient moorings that are in city waters. Cate suggested that since most people are not aware of the revised regulations that it would be considerate to send a letter to transient mooring permittees advising them of the change and that a review process will begin at the end of the 2012 boating season. Jim will draft the letter and present it to the board.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cate Banks