

Minutes

**Public Facilities Committee
Gloucester High School Guidance Department Conference Room
Leslie O. Johnson Rd.
Gloucester, MA 01930
March 28, 2012**

Present: Phil Cusumano, Tom Hovey, Cate Banks, Jim Caulkett, Dave McCauley as acting alternate

Also Present: Steve Douglass, George Martin

Chairperson Banks opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Item 1 : Harbor Tours: Steve Douglass of Cape Ann Harbor Tours explained to the committee that at times during the 2011 boating season he found unattended vessels tied to St. Peter's public landings 60% of the times that his shuttle approached to pick up or drop off passengers. He requested that the Waterways Board consider demarcating the outboard corner of the float for pick up and drop off of passengers. Discussion followed about the possible reconfiguration of the public float in the future. It was agreed that since there is a need for a solution for the 2012 boating season the committee would propose to the board that a pick up/ drop off area be marked on the float as requested. The use of St. Peter's Commercial Marina as a temporary alternate pick up/drop off location was discussed

On a motion by Tom Hovey, seconded by Phil Cusumano, there is to be research done by Cate Banks as to whether there are any legal restrictions to prevent said pickup/drop off from being done, when necessary, at the Commercial Float.

Item 2 North Shore Art Colony Sign : George Martin explained to the committee that the North Shore Art Association wishes to replace a deteriorating, directional sign and post that currently is at the corner of Pirate's Lane where it intersects with Robinson's Landing. The Gloucester Building inspector is requiring that the owner of the property where the sign sits gives permission for the new sign to replace the existing one. The discussion centered on the fact that it is unclear if the sign is within the boundaries of Robinson's Landing or not. The committee agreed that Jim Caulkett would get an opinion from the city's legal department with regard to city ordinance on use of public landings for signs of this type. Cate Banks will contact a land surveyor who might have a record of the boundaries and this sign. This information will be brought before the full board for discussion.

Item 3: Contractor for Inner Harbor Mooring Grid: Jim Caulkett reported an estimate of \$5,000. to \$6,000. to hire a contractor for planning a mooring grid in the inner harbor mooring field. Phil Cusumano offered to contact John Bishop to see if his software could be used to do the job which Phil would then work with him on. The committee agreed to ask the full board if we want to hire a consultant and if so should we start the process to release funds.

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Item 4 Discussion of Pilings and Float sizes to be had with the Conservation Commission:

The committee agreed to recommend to the full board that we should ask the Conservation Commission if they would select a small group of their members to meet with a small group from the Waterways Board to gather information and discuss the use of CCA pilings and the restriction on float size in certain Gloucester waters.

Item 5 Mooring Inventory Protocols Chairwoman Banks gave the new members of the Board a little background on the city wide mooring inventory that began in the 2010 boating season. Jim explained that he and Assistant Jim Marshall are currently working on what the protocols will be for the 2012 boating season and he will report on this at the full board meeting in April.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cate Banks