

Minutes

**Public Facilities Committee
Harbormaster's Office
19 Harbor Loop
Gloucester, MA 01930
January 25, 2012**

Present: Dave Murray, Phil Cusumano, Cate Banks & Jim Caulkett

Also Present: Patti Page, Peter Bent

Chairwoman Banks called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M

Item 1. Patti Page made a presentation to the committee of the proposed design for an upgraded float system. She stated that the current floats that are used by the Gloucester High School youth sailing program as well and the YMCA summer sailing program are deteriorated nearly beyond repair. After reviewing the drawings the committee suggested that the proposed “facilities building” be removed from the plan at this time and that the remaining two floats, that would support the sailboats, be presented to the board for their consideration. The Harbormaster, Jim Caulkett, is scheduled to hold a public hearing for the required 10A permit to bottom anchor this float system on January 30, 2012 and he will present the results of that hearing at the next board meeting.

Item 2. The committee discussed the idea of creating a gridding pattern in the mooring fields of the city with the idea of maximizing the available space for moorings. The first mooring field to be considered is the inner harbor. Jim will look at the list of boats currently moored in this location and provide information on the total number, broken down into lengths and type, to begin the discussion.

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Item 3.

Jim will provide board members with a copy of the brochure that has been produced to guide people in the process of seeking a 10A float permit.

The committee agreed to recommend to the full board that the Waterways Board ask to have a conversation with the Conservation Commission regarding their policy of limiting the size of 10A floats to a maximum of 200 square feet.

Item 4. Cate and Jim reported to the committee about the meeting with National Grid regarding the major clean-up that they will be embarking on and how it may impact the operations of the Harbormaster's office and the public landing floats at Solomon Jacob's park. On a motion by Cate Banks, second by Dave Murray, it was unanimously voted to have the Board draft a letter to National Grid to start the discussion about the potential use of their water sheet by the City of Gloucester.

Continuing and other business. Jim reported that he has received comments regarding the location of the proposed floating transient marina that he will bring to the full board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cate Banks