

# Minutes

**Regulations Review Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Council Conference Room  
City Hall 9 Dale Ave.  
Gloucester, MA 01930  
December 26, 2012**

**Present:** Ralph Pino, Tony Gross and Cate Banks

**Also Present :** Tom Hovey

Chairperson Banks opened the meeting at 6:03 P.M.

## **Item 1: Article IV Section 3 (e) Waiting Lists Notification**

Chairperson Banks reviewed for the committee the original reasoning for selecting 45 days in this section. Long discussion followed. On a motion by Ralph Pino, second by Tony Gross it was voted two in favor one against (Cate Banks) to amend Article IV Section 3 (e) as follows;

### **Section 3. Waiting Lists**

**E. Notification** When a space becomes available the first person on the wait list for that area will be notified by the Harbormaster via certified mail [and telephone and e-mail notice, if available]. Said person shall have ~~forty five (45)~~ **twenty one (21)** days to respond to the Harbormaster to determine if their vessel is suitable for the available space.

Motion passed.

## **Item 2: Article IV Section 5 Mooring Installations and Maintenance Standards**

The committee had a long discussion about minimum safe standards for ground tackle beginning with the proposal to re-grid the Inner Harbor mooring field. Tony Gross and Cate Banks explained the process that the Regulations Review Committee had gone through to determine the current standards at their meetings in early 2010. The committee agreed that this section needs to be reviewed carefully in light of what exists currently for ground tackle in the Inner Harbor. It was agreed that a spreadsheet needs to be created listing the current ground tackle in use for all Gloucester mooring fields to aid in discussions. Chairperson Banks will bring the reference material used when the section was originally drafted to a future committee meeting when this item will be discussed again.

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## **Item 3: Article VII City Owned Commercial Marinas**

Chairperson Banks reported that Gloucester's legal counsel, Suzanne Egan, replied to an e-mail inquiry about the legality of requiring tax returns from tenants at the city's commercial marinas that it was legal and could be a requirement. The committee had a long discussion about the items listed as requirements as voted at the September 5, 2012 Waterways Board meeting. It was agreed that Chairperson Banks would draft proposed language to be added to the appropriate section for the committee to work with at a future meeting.

## **Item 4: Prioritize any other Policies, Rules and Regulation issues that need to be discussed at future meetings**

This item has been moved to a future meeting.

The being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cate Banks