

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room
City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930
March 4, 2014**

Present: Anthony Gross, Cate Banks, Ralph Pino, Dave McCauley, Jim Bordinaro, Steve LeBlanc, Jim Caulkett

Also Present: Tom Hovey, Kyle Grant

Chairman Pino opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Oral Communications: None

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Anthony Gross the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Waterways Board meeting on February 11, 2014 with the following corrections:

Page 2, last motion, last sentence: add “anchorage area” after Inner Harbor.

Page 3, Public Facilities, 1st Motion, last sentence: delete “color” replace with “bold” **Motion passed**

On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Anthony Gross the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Waterways Board Special Meeting on January 16, 2014 with the following corrections:

Page 1 Section 5, Subsection C pages 11-12, 3rd sentence: delete “portability”, replace with “probability:

Page 3, Ed O’Reilly, add a last sentence: “He feels safer transiting in an inflatable boat from Lobster Cove than using his small boat off the beach.” **Motion passed**

Marcia O’Brien: Postponed until the next meeting

Public Hearing Recommendation for Open Slip at St Peter’s Marina: Discussed at Public Facilities Committee.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Public Facilities Committee to hold a Public Hearing to make the western slip at St. Peter’s Marina dedicated to commercial pick-up and drop-off for charters and taxis with a 30 minute time limit. **Motion passed**

Public Hearing Recommendation for Additional Moorings in Southeast Harbor: Discussed at Public Facilities Committee:

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Public Facilities Committee to hold a Public Hearing for the Southeast Harbor mooring field expansion. **Motion passed**

Recreational Fishing Pier: Jim Caulkett stated there should be a pre-Public Hearing type meeting to get input from residents who live on the boulevard. Doug Cameron provided drawings of what the Public Access Board is building at Oak Bluffs. No action was taken by the City Council; they want more information.

Jim outlined the process to be taken in obtaining this. Jim will submit the request to the Mayor to go to City Council, and then P&D.

National Grid Status: A meeting was held with National Grid and GZA Project Manager. Ralph highlighted the details of the meeting: i.e.: purchase and storage of new floats, rental of floats to National Grid, water lines, power lines, building compliance, design for proposed building renovations. Next discussed was cost.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Anthony Gross to dedicate \$6,000 to be taken out of Free Cash for the purpose of retaining Tree House Design. **Motion amended**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Anthony Gross the Board voted unanimously to dedicate \$6,000 for a preliminary floor design and underground utility work. **Motion passed**

Limited Access and Mooring Regulations:

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to refer Section 11. Designated Anchorage Areas, Subsection E. Transient Vessel back to Regulations & Review Committee.

Motion passed

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Anthony Gross to recommend the Board accept the proposed changes to Article 4, Section 2J, Section 3C&E, Section 5C& G, and Section 11F to the Policies, Rules and Regulations governing Gloucester's waterways and public waterfront facilities as presented to the public at the January 16, 2014 Public Hearing. The Board voted unanimously to accept the motion. **Motion passed**
Chairman Pino noted that the Board already passed all these changes before, went to Public Hearing and there were no comments on these particular items.

Cate spoke on Limited Access noting that the area of Eastern Point should be handled separately and she thinks Limited Access need not be in the regulations at all. Jim Caulkett stated the regulations were created for safety noting the areas he feels are a safety issue with no Public Landings close by. A lengthy discussion followed.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted 4 YES (Anthony Gross, Dave McCauley, Ralph Pino, Jim Bordinaro), 1 NO (Cate Banks) to keep Salt Island as a limited access area.

Motion passed

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted 4 YES (Anthony Gross, Dave McCauley, Ralph Pino, Jim Bordinaro), 1 NO (Cate Banks) to keep Essex Bay as a limited access area.

Motion passed

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to remove Diamond Cove from the limited access areas. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to remove Lighthouse Beach from the limited access areas. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously to remove Cambridge Beach from the limited access areas. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Anthony Gross the Board voted unanimously to remove Raymond's Beach from the limited access areas. **Motion passed**

Board members discussed Eastern Point Yacht Club and the meeting held with their representatives on the issue of limited access areas. Anthony suggested having a moratorium on granting moorings there until this issue is settled.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Dave McCauley that at this time don't take Eastern Point out of Limited Access but send it to Regulations Review Committee to give it a modified designation that is particular to Eastern Point and at the same time make a 2nd motion to have a moratorium on the Wait List applications until next time for Eastern Point. **No vote – amended**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously to leave Eastern Point Yacht Club as is pending a review of the special designation by the Regulations Review Committee and a moratorium on any Wait List applications being processed. **Motion passed**

Tom Hovey – AYC Trawl: Tom asked if it was possible to put a float 17'x5' as an experiment on one of the trawl moorings in order to put two boats there instead of one. If it's effective he'll come before the Board again in order to do it in more instances. Referred to Public Facilities

Harbor Plan Update: Ralph spoke of CZM recommending to the City to change the designated port area. He elaborated on the areas affected. Members discussed various aspects of this.

Transient Moorings: Jim Caulkett had given Board members areas that could possibly be increased. Discussion continued on anchorage and mooring areas.

Harbormaster Report: Jim reported on the three Public Hearings; in depth the discussion with the new owners of the Annisquam Market and Marina. Jim noted changes to the FY2015 budget and the increase in Launch fees before the City Council. Conservation Commission (Con Com) has approved both Requests for Determinations for the Head of Lobster Cove Public Landing and Cripple Cove Careening Wall Keel Block replacement. Con Com has requested a full Notice of Intent for the Hodgkins Cove Public Landing project. Drawings are forth coming from the DPW showing the design of the proposed parking area and the slope to prevent any run off into the cove area.

Subcommittee Reports:

Public Facilities: Anthony reported that Mark Lacey was appointed Chairman. Also discussed was Marcia O'Brien's request for the transfer to her of the transient moorings in Little River that had been previously assigned to Little River Campground. Mark Lacey and Patti Page made a motion to assign one transient mooring to Signet LLC operating the campground on the condition that the rental units remain short-term rental seasonal rentals. The potential expansion of Harbor Cove Commercial Docks was also discussed; however, this was determined to be not cost effective.

>Motion: On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Cate Banks the Board unanimously approved the amendments to mooring permits #301 in Eastern Point, #119 in the Inner Harbor, #626 in the Mill River, and #14 in Hodgkins Inner.

Operations & Finance/Safety: Dave spoke of movement on Solomon Jacobs Complex and dock being a very good development. The committee will be looking at surpluses in the Capital Accounts and the cost for any new transient moorings. Dave explained the use of the Template sheet for the Capital and Stabilization Accounts. Jim Caulkett highlighted the changes in the FY2015 budget after meeting with the City Auditor.

>Motion: On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously to approve the adjustment to the FY2015 budget as described to us. **Motion passed**

Regulations Review: Anthony referred to this committee review of people being able to sign up for multiple mooring areas, definition of a transient vessel. He also referred to the Public Facilities or Safety Committee safety ladders at the town landings, particularly at the commercial marinas.

Future Meetings: On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously to change the Waterways Board meetings to the 1st Tuesday of each month from the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Motion passed

Continuing and Unanticipated Business: The Harbormaster noted that Jerome McKay will be placed on the Public Facilities agenda.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Shirley M. Edmonds

