

MINUTES

Waterways Board
January 7, 2014
3rd Floor Conference Room
City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930

Present: Anthony Gross, Cate Banks, Vito Calomo, Dave McCauley, Patti Page, Ralph Pino, Jim Bordinaro, Mark Lacey, Bob Gillis, James Caulkett

Also Present: Marcia O'Brien, Pat Scalli, Sarah Garcia, Dave Elich, Shirley Edmonds

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Oral Communications: None

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Vito Calomo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the December 4, 2013 minutes with the following correction: Page 3, Public Facilities, 6th sentence: replace "land" with "landing"

>**Motion:** On a motion of Vito Calomo, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to accept the correction to the December 4th minutes. **Both Motions passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Waterways Board Special Meeting on December 19, 2013. **Motion passed**

Marcia O'Brien: (Ralph Pino abstained) Marcia informed the Board of purchasing the Little River Campground and her plans for the property. She would like to obtain the moorings that were issued to the campground for use by the rental tenants. Lengthy discussion followed. Chairman Gross noted that this new proposal would not be a business. She was advised to get a copy of Section 7 and write a justification as to why she should get the moorings; referred to Public Facilities.

Pat Scalli: Pat came before the Board to get approval for swapping his mooring in Annisquam River with a mooring in the Inner Harbor. Cate was concerned with the boat being in the Federal Anchorage; she would not vote the swap because of this issue. The Inner Harbor is being re-gridded; therefore, another concern is the size of Pat's boat and the location of the mooring in the Inner Harbor. The Wait List for the Inner Harbor was a concern with some Board members. Pat spoke of the Regulations regarding swapping areas.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Chairman Gross, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously that the Board goes to the Public Hearing for the proposed amendment to the mooring swaps including permit #0097, #0524 and #0076.

Motion passed

Floating Docks – Sarah Garcia: Sara gave the history of the floating docks proposal. She noted the grant funding with \$200,000 still available, and she continued with speaking of the Seaport Advisory Council. The Harbormaster's facility was being considered as the place for these docks so transient boaters could have easy access to downtown Gloucester. It was also learned that bottom anchored floating docks could be attached to land. A lengthy discussion continued on the floating docks; i.e.: funding, when to purchase them, where to store them. Cate stated the Public Facilities Committee will discuss this.

Harbormaster Evaluation: Chairman Gross spoke of the process for the Harbormaster's evaluation. Board members are to get their evaluations to the Chairman.

10% Increase in Moorings: Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Solomon Jacobs Update: Members discussed the hold-up on the Solomon Jacobs project. Jim stated that Maritime Gloucester and the USCG are holding up National Grid from moving forward. New starting time is September, 2015.

Harbormaster Report: Jim presented the final draft for the FY15 Budget to Board members. Free Cash and various Stabilization Accounts need to be discussed. An ad for Launch Operators has been put in the Gloucester Daily Times, plus other publications. Jim will appear before City Council Budget and Finance for the Pumpout Boat grant for the new motor. He had already been before the committee for the \$200,000 for the floats. Steve Douglass has requested to be on the agenda for the February meeting and George Schlichte's mooring needs to be discussed. A meeting needs to be held with Suzanne Egan about Eco Moorings.

Harbor Plan Update: Ralph stated there has been no meeting since the last one. He spoke of the workshop that they had. Comments were not favorable.

Update on WWB Actions: Chairman Gross stated that action by the Board is not being followed through on the recommendations from the subcommittees. These items should be brought up at the Board meeting so there can be closure.

Subcommittee Report:

Public Facilities: Patti reported on investigating on purchasing new software for moorings. She spoke to Ellen Carney and James Pope in the IT Department with Ellen suggesting not to purchase new software. They have never been given a review of the system and they are willing to come to the Board to discuss this. Discussion followed on Transient Mooring holders and their use of this mooring. Mark noted there are four or five transient moorings not being used properly. Jim Bordinaro suggested a letter stating the proper use of the moorings. Cate will draft a letter for review in February.

Operations & Finance/Safety: On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to accept the FY15 budget for submission to City budget officials. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of David McCauley, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to approve the following FY14 budget adjustments with \$40,698 to be drawn from Free Cash Reserve; \$8,900 for matching funds for CPA Grants for Lobster Cove and Hodgkins Cove Public Landings; \$2,800 for matching funds from Clean Vessel Act for a new engine for the pumpout boat, 75% reimbursement; \$4,900 to purchase keel blocks at Cripple Cove; and \$3,598 to the Chapter 91 Stabilization Account.

Motion passed

>**Motion:** On a Motion of Dave McCauley, second by Ralph Pino the Waterways Board proposed a request to a special committee on the Harbormaster's complex by no more than \$8000 to commission a floor plan for the Solomon Jacobs building and strongly approve funds from the FY2014 Cash Reserve. **Motion Withdrawn** after a lengthy discussion

Regulations Review: No report

Ad-Hoc Committee: No report

Future Meetings: Waterways Board will hold their next meeting on February 11 with the election of officers.

Continuing and Unanticipated Business: Board members questioned who would represent the City Council on the Board. Goals for the Board were discussed. Shirley Edmonds spoke of the Wait List and the time it takes to get moorings issued. She is concerned with the people being notified of a mooring and not responding to the letter. She also spoke of many other concerns with the process; referred to Regulations Review Committee.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds

