

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room
City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930
September 4, 2013**

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

Also Present: Randy Sears, Buddy Silva, Rolfe Graham

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Oral Communications: None

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of August 7th with the following corrections:

Page 1, Oral Communications, second sentence: delete the rest of the sentence starting with “the new vessel”, add “an increase in the width by adding “outrigger” on one side of his vessel.”

Page 2, 1st Motion, 3rd sentence: delete “and”, add “at”; last Motion, last sentence: delete “use”, add “funding”;

Page 3, Subcommittee reports, Public Facilities, 3rd sentence: add “of the Cape Ann Brewery” after CH91.

Motion passed

Randy Sears: Randy received a mooring in Oak Cove two years ago and hasn't used it. He is giving it up and wants to be placed back on the Oak Cove Wait List as #1. After much discussion the Board agreed he will be placed on this list as # 5.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Vito Calomo, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to place Randy Sears on the Oak Cove Wait List as #5. **Motion passed**

Buddy Silva: Buddy came before the Board to discuss the ongoing problem with divers in the area from the Annisquam Light to the Rockport line. The divers don't care about the rule on flags. He stated the Harbormaster has helped with this before by passing out the rules to the divers. Chairman Gross informed Buddy of the Police Ordinance and the Waterways Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion it was pointed out that the Police have the fisheries enforcement and the Harbormaster has just the flags. Buddy is concerned with safety and with people possibly getting hurt. Chairman Gross stated the Board will follow up on this and get back to him.

Rolfe Graham: Mr. Graham had transferred his mooring to his son in 2008. A revocation letter dated March, 2013 was sent to the son for failure to pay the renewal fee; no respond was received. Mr. Graham is requesting to have this mooring reinstated in his name. He would like to put a 22 ft. boat on the mooring.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Jim Bordinaro, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted **4 NO** (David McCauley, Ralph Pino, Mark Lacey, Bob Gillis), **5 YES** (Anthony Gross, Cate Banks, Patti Page, Vito Calomo, Jim Bordinaro) to table this issue and at the same time instruct the Harbormaster to respond if there is area available in Area B and when was the last mooring issued in that area, the most recent issue.

Motion passed

Schooner Festival: Jim Caulkett reported the School Festival went well with no problems; a big success.

Launch: Jim reported there were many compliments about the launch and the operators. This is the first year of operation and Jim feels the revenue will increase in future years and it may take 3 years to evaluate the revenue. Discussion followed on hiring launch operators. Advertising for operators should start in December.

County Landing and Recreational Fishing Pier: The Planning & Development (P&D) Committee recommended to move forward on County Landing. The committee felt there were too many unanswered questions on the Recreational Fishing Pier so more information will be forwarded to the committee.

CLE Marina Report: This report was sent to P&D via the Mayor's Office.

Harbormaster Report: A meeting was held by MEMA on August 9th to discuss the Expanded Environmental Notification Form filed by National Grid for their clean-up project at the US Coast Guard Station, Solomon Jacobs Park and the Maritime Heritage Center. The project is moving forward. Jim received his amended Order of Conditions from the Gloucester Conservation Commission regarding the Harbormaster Permit DEP #28-2127 to repair and replace up to 10 pilings per year. There are now 15 waterfront properties including 4 City properties under the permit. The owners of two fishing vessels creating illegal moorings in the Inner Harbor have been sent letters and Jim will start issuing tickets. A constable will deliver the certified letter sent to one of the tenants at Harbor Cove Commercial Docks since the letter was not accepted. A letter on eel grass must be sent out in order to hold a meeting.

Subcommittee Reports:

Public Facilities: Aaron Tuffley attended the meeting regarding his amended mooring permit request; referred to Regulations Review Committee. Regridding mooring fields in the Inner Harbor was discussed. Cate wants a Public Hearing for the people who would be affected with moorings in eel grass areas.

>Motion: On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the August 20th meeting. **Motion passed**

Operation & Finance/Waterways Safety Committee: No report; next meeting October 3rd. David and several Board members met with Stephanie Cunningham to discuss applying for a Tier 2 Big Grant, which is due October 25th. More information will be given the Board before the deadline date.

Future Meetings: Rules and Regulations will meet September 12th, Public Facilities will meet September 17, and Operations and Finance/Waterways Safety will meet October 3rd.

Continuing and Unanticipated Business: Patti Page would like the Sailing School be placed on the next agenda to discuss facilities for them to use. Chairman Gross is running for School Committee and will be unable to chair the WWB meetings for a few months. He would like to step down as Chairman and nominated Ralph Pino to be the interim Chairperson.

>Motion: On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously that Ralph Pino be the interim Chairperson for 2 months starting after this meeting. **Motion passed**
Discussion followed on having an audit done, which is required by the City.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds

