

## MINUTES

**Waterways Board  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
City Hall  
Gloucester, MA 01930  
August 7, 2013**

Present: Anthony Gross, Cate Banks, Ralph Pino, Patti Page, Jim Bordinaro, Bob Gillis, Jim Caulkett

Also Present: Joe Boreland, Aaron Tuffley, Phil Cusumano

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

**Oral Communications:** Aaron Tuffley came before the Board requesting an amendment to his mooring permit to allow an increase in width by adding “outrigger” on one side of his vessel. Referred to Public Facilities Subcommittee.

Chairman Gross welcomed Bob Gillis as the newest member of the Board, placing him on the Public Facilities Subcommittee.

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously (excluding Bob Gillis) to accept the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee minutes of July 10 and July 24, Public Facilities Subcommittee July 16 minutes, Waterways Board minutes of July 2, and the Waterways Board July 22 minutes with the following corrections:

First page, 4<sup>th</sup> sentence from the bottom: delete sentence starting with “Even though”.

**Motion passed**

On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to accept (excluding Bob Gillis) the minutes of the June 5<sup>th</sup> Waterways Board meeting with the following correction:

Second page, Public Facilities Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence: delete “sharing moorings”, replace with “shared mooring floats”

**Motion passed**

**Buddy Silva Lobster Diving Enforcement:** Buddy Silva contacted the Mayor about the Harbormaster enforcing the law on divers. Chairman Gross informed Board members of the difference between the State law and City Ordinance, noting that these two conflict. The Police Department would be the most appropriate agency handling this. This will be continued until the next meeting.

**CLE Preliminary Draft Report on Floating Marina Feasibility:** A lengthy discussion by all Board members and Phil Cusumano on study; i.e. alternate sites, funding, permits,

income, operating costs, preliminary figures. All agreed that Solomon Jacobs has priority.

**>Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Cate Banks, the Board voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council not to go forward with the floating breakwater marina at any of the float sites because it is economically not feasible based upon the engineering report as the income and operating expenses are approximately breakeven and there is no money available for the Capital Cost of approximately 1.7 million to construct a facility behind 10# Island which is the only feasible location.

**>Motion passed**

**Mooring Survey:** Jim Caulkett reported that the survey is going well with many mooring holders complying with the regulations once they have been notified of their infraction. Board members discussed assessment letters and revoked letters.

**Head of Lobster Cove, Land Survey:** Cate explained the land survey, noting the surveyor has put 3 different lines on one of the boundaries. Ralph stated the surveyor should give her opinion on the line she thinks is the correct one. Cate indicated that maybe the City Solicitor should get involved.

**Raymond (Randy) Sears Mooring Permit:** Chairman Gross explained how Randy received the mooring 2 years ago and never put gear in. He wants to give up the mooring and be placed back on the Wait List as #1 in Oak Cove.

**>Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Cate Banks to revoke this mooring for nonuse and place him as #5 on the Wait List for Oak Cove. **Motion withdrawn – Motion tabled**

**MassPort Mooring Program:** Chairman Gross explained replacing up to 60 existing moorings in eel grass areas only with eco moorings. This is a volunteer program with MassPort purchasing the eco moorings with no charge to the mooring holder. This will satisfy a mandate from DEP. MassPort and the City have agreed on this with a Memorandum of Interest.

**>Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to accept the MOI between the City and MassPort. **Motion passed**

**National Harbor Association:** Chairman Gross explained about this association wanting \$500 (paying for lobbyist). Members agreed not to pursue this.

**Porta Potties for Lanes Cove Fish Shack Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Event:** Discussion by all on this request.

**>Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Patti Page the Board votes **4 YES** (Anthony Gross, Jim Bordinaro, Patti Page, Bob Gillis) **2 NO** (Cate Banks, Ralph Pino) that the Board give \$350.00 to the shack fund for 2 porta potties for one day only and no future funding of porta potties at this location. **Motion passed**

**GZA Quote for Underwater Piling Inspection at St. Peters and Harbor Cove**

**Marinas:** Jim Caulkett explained the inspection of pilings to be in compliance with the City's Ordinance. Jim noted this is part of the maintenance plan for both marinas.

**>Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to approve the GZA inspection plan. **Motion passed**

**CPA Grants: Hodgkins and Lobster Cove:** Referred to Public Facilities.

**Harbormaster Report:** Jim reported the launch is doing very well and have received favorable comments. Members discussed in detail the proposed lease with National Grid and Solomon Jacob Landing Building and float project; the proposed land management agreements with Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Office of Fishing and Boating Access Land management for County Landing and the proposed fish pier have been submitted to the City Council. Board members discussed parking at landings. Jim gave a report of the meeting of the Merrimack River Beach Alliance meeting on July 26. Jim noted FEMA will be reimbursing the Board \$1,641.90 for the storm damage to the Magnolia Pier.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Public Facilities: Cate spoke of the survey and revocations regarding property on the water that the only one who can use that space is the property owner. This will be discussed at the next Regulations Review meeting. There is a re-issue of the CH91 of the Cape Ann Brewery license and Patti Page will compare the original with the re-issue and report back to the Board. Cate referred to Operations, Finance and Waterways Safety the need to look at the Sailing School floats in terms of maintenance and where the money comes from.

Operations, Finance and Waterways Safety: Jim reported on the request from this committee to get the exact wording from the Seaport Council for the \$250,000.00 float grant and elaborated on the findings.

Ad-Hoc: Cate reported on the meetings held on July 10 and July 24 and the value in continuing this committee. Discussed was goals and objective for mooring management, launch service promotion, meeting days and future goals. Also discussed was the Harbormaster Complex Costs.

**Future Meetings:** Public Facilities meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, the Waterways Board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month and the Operations, Finance and Waterways Safety will meet whenever possible.

**Continuing and Unanticipated Business:** Board members discussed speeding in the Annisquam River, noting several incidents. Appointment cards should be verified.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds