

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
Guidance Department Conference Room
Gloucester High School
Gloucester, MA 01930
June 5, 2013**

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

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Oral Communications: None

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Vito Calomo, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 1 Waterways Board meeting, May 8 Operations & Finance/Safety meeting, and May 15, May 22 Ad-Hoc Committee meetings.

Tom Ellis Schooner Lannon: withdrawn

Mike Brien and George Schlichte: will be placed on the July agenda

July 3 Waterways Board Meeting: rescheduled to July 2

Feasibility Study: A draft may be available June 20th. The Board will read it and make comments, then to the City Council.

Extra-Ordinary Meetings: Chairman Gross stated all information will be shared with Board members from extra-ordinary meetings.

St. Peter's Fiesta: no report

Harbormaster's Report: Jim reported that he is still advertising for launch operators, the City floats for the YMCA/GHS sailing programs are currently being built at Dun Fudgin with an expected launch date of Monday, June 10, MassPort Eel Grass Mitigation Program was presented to the Public Facilities Committee. Jim passed out the changes made from Suzanne Egan, City Solicitor to MassPort's agreement. The derelict barge in Jones Creek will be towed to Salem for disposal. Discussion followed on the subject of derelict moorings in the Inner Harbor and wharfs. Jim noted that the new patrol boat will be ready in a few weeks.

Subcommittee Report:

Public Facilities Committee: Kevin O'Maley was at the meeting held on May 28 requesting a change in the ordinance about shared mooring floats; tie a float to his mooring and then tie a boat to the float. A recommendation came from the committee to the full Board to not allow the requested amendment.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted 7 YES (Anthony Gross, Cate Banks, Dave McCauley, Ralph Pino, Jim Bordinaro, Mark Lacey) and 1 NO (Patti Page) on the recommendation from committee that the Board not allow the requested amendment. **Motion passed**

Board members discussed floats and moorings with Jim Caulkett explaining in detail the difference between float permits and mooring permits regulations. More discussion on float permits.

AdHoc Committee: Chairman Gross informed Board members of the items discussed at the May 1, 8, 15 and 22 meetings; ie: divers, writing citations, better communication between the Police Department and the Harbormaster's Office, Fiesta meeting, launch service, technology in Harbormaster's Office, and enforcement on the Annisquam River and Wingersheek Beach, web site, and discussion on other items of interest. Cate brought up the eel grass issue with moorings.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Vito Calomo, second by Patti Page the Board voted unanimously on the recommendation of the committee to pursue being involved in having eco moorings in eel grass areas. **Motion passed**

Operations & Finance/Safety Committee: Committee discussed timelines, core project elements and funding sources for Harbormaster/Docking complex at Solomon Jacobs landing area, the use of municipal moorings for intermittent temporary use by transient boaters, and the committee agreed that the third Thursday of the month from 4 – 6 p.m. will be their regularly scheduled meeting time.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Cate Banks the Board voted 7 YES (Anthony Gross, Cate Banks, David McCauley, Patti Page, Jim Bordinaro, Mark Lacey, Ralph Pino) and 1 ABSTAIN (Vito Calomo) to accept the recommendation from committee that the Board implement a pilot program to use volunteered personal moorings in selected mooring fields to accommodate overflow demand for transient moorings during the 2013 boating season. The Harbormaster may assess an administrative fee of \$25 for each mooring used under this program and will be responsible for the administration of the project.

>**Motion Amended:** The Board implement a pilot program to use volunteered personal moorings in selected mooring fields to accommodate overflow demand for transient moorings during the 2013 boating season. The Harbormaster will be responsible for the administration of the project depending on the opinion of the Legal Department.

Motion passed

Regulations Review: Cate informed Board members of the proposed changes to the Moorings Regulations

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Dave McCauley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the changes in the Mooring Regulations, Article IV, Section 5C and 5G Mooring Installation and Maintenance Standards. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to adopt the changes as presented in Article IV Mooring Regulations, Section 11E and F Designated Anchorage Areas. **Motion passed**

Continuing and Unanticipated Business: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds