

MINUTES

WATERWAYS BOARD 3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM CITY HALL, GLOUCESTER MA MAY 1, 2013 , 5 P.M.

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

Also Present: Tom Ellis, Ed Boynton, Jay Gustaferro, Dave Williams, Ryan Browne, Meg Nelson, Nathaniel Mulcahy

Oral Communications: Tom Ellis has been asked by the Schooner Festival Committee to seek approval from the Board for the use of a houseboat in the anchorage for 6 small schooners to tie to. He will be on the agenda for June. Tom also asked the Board if there is anything they can do to help Ed Boynton get to his boat. Jim Bordinaro was asked by a neighbor to speak to the Board regarding Kris Young's sunken float. He presented pictures to review. The neighbor stated he would have a crane at Long Pier to lift the derelict material onto his trucks; he is afraid for his children's safety. Jim will provide Jim Caulkett with the neighbor's name.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 6, 2013 and April 17, 2013.

Lobster Fishing Boundary in Inner Harbor: Chairman Gross stated the lobstermen in the harbor would like to have access inside the line with a buoy on one end and run the gear inside the line without a buoy. A couple issues is trawl length, discuss restrictive time to not to interfere with activities in the harbor on week-ends and cruise ships. Jay Gustaferro came before the Board to make a presentation on this subject. Jay pointed out the angle of the line, from the corner of the Ice Factory across the harbor to Rocky Neck, and the congestion it causes. He spoke of Three Pound Island and the good fishing there, ground line, no tangling issues; he can see no problems. Members had many questions; some were concerned with the number of lobstermen increasing in numbers. Chairman Gross asked if there was any guarantee the buoys would stay out of the channel and restricted times. Vito stated he is not in favor of this; can see major problems. Ryan Browne, Meg Nelson and Nathaniel Mulcahy spoke in favor of this proposal. Jim Caulkett disagrees with moving the line; it causes a safety problem.

Motion: On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Vito Calomo, the Board voted 6 YES (Ralph Pino, Mark Lacey, Vito Calomo, Cate Banks, Dave McCauley, Jim Bordinaro) and 2 NO (Anthony Gross, Patti Page) to not change the regulations. **Motion passed**

Kevin O'Maley Amended Mooring Permit: Kevin explained the chart showing information regarding his request to place a 10'x20' float on his mooring. He stated this

would work. Board members and Kevin discussed this plan in length. Cate feels it should be given to several committees to review the regulations.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Patti Page the Board referred this to Public Facilities Committee and Regulations Review Committees. **Motion passed**

Commercial Marina Maintenance: Dave Williams has been doing the maintenance at Harbor Cove Commercial Marina. He informed the Board of the condition and wear at the marina and pilings. Board members and Dave discussed this in length.

Chairman Gross turns the meeting over to Co-Chair Cate Banks.

Ed Boynton Sugar Babe Mooring: Jim Bordinaro read the motion that passed at the June 6, 2012 Waterways Board meeting with the conditions imposed on Ed Boynton's mooring. Board members had several questions; i.e.: when on mooring, disabled people, how to get people out to the mooring, etc.; and Ed answered all fully. Jim Caulkett suggested having the mooring outside the spindle at Ten Pound Island.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously that the Board approve the mooring being put outside by the spindle out by 10# Island with the purpose to be used by Mr. Boynton's program with the vessel there with continuing stipulation that it be used for his program and that 75% or more be dedicated to the program, USCG certificate or some kind of proof not necessary, and that this would be an annual review that it is being used the 75% and the cost of the mooring be paid by this council.

Motion amended: On a motion of Mark Lacey, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously to amend the previous motion to say the mooring is inside 10# Island in a mooring field at the discretion of the Harbormaster. **Motion passed**

Assistant Harbormaster Daily Routine: Item carried over when Chairman Gross present.

Lanes Cove Launch Ramp: Jim attended a meeting on April 25th with Councilor Hardy, Tony Gross, Assistant DPW Director Mark Cole and various citizens from Lanes Cove to discuss repairs to the boat ramp. Doug Cameron, Public Access, will provide 12 new concrete pads and the DPW will do the repairs.

Harbormaster Report: Jim reported meeting with Sprint representatives to purchase the type of phones requested by the Board. The number for the launch phone should be ready for the press release. Jim, Tony Gross, and members from the Community Preservation Committee to discuss grant requests for improvements at Hodgkins Cove and Head of Lobster Cove public Landings; grants have been filed. The launch has been held up by the USCG. City floats are supposed to be delivered mid May. Magnolia repairs will be restored shortly. Jim spoke of 56

personal and 7 transients moorings in the Inner Harbor, plus 7 off Rocky Neck. Mooring holders have been notified of any discrepancies with their moorings.

Subcommittee Reports:

Public Facilities: The committee discussed the Essex County Greenbelt/Waterside Lane property on April 16th and approved the motion of Cate Banks.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously Cate's motion at committee that the Board notify Essex County Greenbelt that they are pleased with their plan to allow landing parking on their newly acquired Judd property on Waterside Lane near the Freshwater Cove Pubic Landing. **Motion passed**

Regulations Review: Ralph and Suzanne Egan will discuss the proposed language to improve Regulations Article IV Section II Anchorage Areas and he will report back to the committee. Since Jay Gustaferro and Anthony Gross were not at the meeting at the time to discuss this issue Ralph Pino made a motion.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Cate Banks the committee voted unanimously that no changes be made to Article VII Public Waterways Traffic and Safety, Section 1(A) Prohibition of Lobstering in Regulated Areas.

Future Meetings: Operations and Finance/Safety Committee will be meeting on May 8th and Public Facilities will meet on May 28th.

Continuing and Unanticipated Business: Jim Bordinaro said the Police Chief has been invited to attend the Ad Hoc meeting on May 7th. Signage, turning basin for larger vessels, private property owners, moorings, safety to navigation, enforcement were discussed.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds