

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room
City Hall, Gloucester, MA
December 5, 2012**

Present: Anthony Gross, Cate Banks, Phil Cusumano, Vito Calomo, Peter Bent, Patti Page, David McCauley, Tom Hovey

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Oral Communications: None

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Philip Cusumano the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the November 7, 2012 meeting with the following correction:

2nd sentence above Operations & Finance/Safety Committee: add “marked” after spot.

Motion passed

Purchase of Launch:

>**Motion:** On a motion of Philip Cusumano, second by David McCauley the Board voted unanimously to purchase a new launch.

During the discussion period Peter gave his reasons for purchasing a used launch instead of a new one; noting a place in Florida has two used launches for sale. Members discussed this further. David agreed with the purchase of a new boat. Cate agrees with the motion but stated that Peter and Jim Caulkett could still look into the Florida boats.

Motion Amended: to purchase a new launch for up to \$125,000 and request the City Council take it out of our account Retained Earnings. **Motion passed.**

Special Meeting Discussions: Chairman Gross requested the sub-committees look at the draft he presented showing the time lines of projects. A list of the project(s) each committee will be working on is to be given to the Board at the January meeting. National Grid will be added to the list; a new copy will be sent to all members.

Increase Frequency of Regular Scheduled Waterways Board Meetings:

Chairman Gross stated at the Special Board Meeting it was agreed to have the Board’s meetings twice a month since there is a lot to discuss and the meetings would be shorter. Discussion followed on the dates for committee meetings. These meetings will be every other month starting with January 2nd and 16th; March’s dates would be the 6th and 20th. Operations & Finance/Safety Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on January 16th and March 20th before the second meeting of the Board. There will be an evaluation of these two extra meetings to decide if they should continue.

Continuing and Unanticipated Business: None. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley M. Edmonds