

## MINUTES

**Waterways Board  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
City Hall, Gloucester, MA  
August 5, 2014**

Present: Ralph Pino, Anthony Gross, David McCauley, Patti Page, Jim Bordinaro, Bob Gillis  
Also Present: Cate Banks, Sarah Garcia, Marcia O'Brien

Chairman Pino opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

**Oral Communications:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** The following corrections were noted on the July 1<sup>st</sup> minutes:  
Page 2, Harbormaster Report, 10<sup>th</sup> sentence: delete Public Facilities, replace with Regulations Review  
Page 3, Pubic Facilities, sentence after 3<sup>rd</sup> Motion passed; delete Sailing School, replace with Community Boating

NOTE: An insert will be added to the minutes of July 1<sup>st</sup> on John Herrick's mooring and these minutes will be approved at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Approval of May, 2014 Minutes:** >**Motion:** On a motion of Bob Gillis, second by Anthony Gross the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting.

**Chairman Pino abstains; Vice Chair Anthony Gross conducts meeting**

**Marcia O'Brien – Little River Campground Mooring:** Vice Chair Gross read the motion made on January 23<sup>rd</sup> granting Marcia O'Brien's request for one transient mooring in the Little River. The motion had not been approved.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to grant Marcia O'Brien one transient mooring in the Little River.

**Chairman Pino conducts meeting** noting the other two moorings will be issued.

**Sarah Garcia- Harbor Plan Update:** Sarah thanked the Board for having one of their members attending the meeting, than continued to speak on the 2014 Harbor Plan. She went through the background of the committee; members, accomplishments, economic development plan also, regulatory environment progress, zoning constrictions with the State, DPA She spoke in depth explaining the economic baseline inventory and regulatory environment to support economic objective and economic opportunity analysis. When the final draft goes to the State she will e-mail a copy to the Board. She also noted the State needs to know not to displace fishing vessels. This plan makes it an economic development case to support water dependent industrial use.

**Breakwater Float Purchase Approval Solomon Jacobs and Lease to National:** Chairman Pino reviewed for Board members the size of the breakwater float system; 82 ft. going out parallel to the Coast Guard and 45 ft. going out past the Gloucester Heritage Center. Discussion with National Grid has taken place and the agreement is expected to be incorporated in the lease. The Waterways Board will purchase these floats for delivery June, 2015 and National Grid will have the responsibility of storing the floats during the winter of 2015 -2016 outside the Coast Guard Station, back to be attached to the new pilings, in 2016 they will be put back to the Coast Guard Station and, finally, in the spring of 2017 they will be attached permanently. National Grid will have the responsibility of maintenance and repair if anything goes wrong with them. Jim will put this out to bid after meeting with Purchasing, Ken Costa, Ralph Pino, Jim and representatives of National Grid.

**Update Harbor Master Building/Transient Boating Facility Consideration of Seaport Bond Application for Engineering/Architectural Design:** Chairman Pino spoke of applying to Seaport Bond for the funds to pay for the engineering/architectural study for the building. He proceeded with the help of a diagram to explain in detail the proposed update and reconstruction of the building, thus making this a real transient boater's facility.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Anthony Gross, the Board voted unanimously to request the Chairman to write to the Mayor requesting \$60,000 to invest in a study at the National Grid building.

**Motion passed**

**Status Eco Moorings-Hazelett Marine Withdrawal:** Hazelett Marine has withdrawn since he has not received many applicants. This project is moving forward with the issuing of checks in a timely manner. Jim noted that the project will end at the end of September. Board members discussed maintenance on this type of mooring.

**Transient Mooring Update:** Jim informed Board members of the number of businesses who have not responded to his letter. Jim shall send a "last and final" notice otherwise they will be revoked.

**Launch Operation – Comparative Over Prior Year:** Members discussed the figures received from the launch service. Jim noted that the launch is busiest on the week-ends.

**New Moorings and Unassigned Moorings Update:** Jim explained the form Mark Lacey wrote for the office to use when issuing moorings. Shirley and a Launch Operator provided an easier way to accomplish this. Thirty-one moorings have been given from the Wait List this year. The Launch Operator will be making phone calls when he is in the office and making notes on the sheets provided. Jim noted there will be 71 new moorings in Southeast Harbor, 10 in Ten Pound Island, 5 in the Little River, 5 in A/R Area "B", 6 between A/R "C" and "D" and 2 in Mill River.

**SE Harbor Additional Moorings Approval:** Chairman Pino spoke of the Public Hearing on the new moorings to be installed in Southeast Harbor and noted that the hearing was not closed; therefore, comments are welcome and then the Public Hearing can be closed. Cate Banks wants the following put into the record: Re: Adding 70 moorings to the South East mooring field is a way to satisfy the Mayoral request of increasing moorings in Gloucester's water sheet by 10%. I first want to make it clear that I am totally in favor of maximizing the number of moorings in the waterways of the City of Gloucester to the fullest extent possible. When I was on the very first Waterways Board and we were hiring a very first Civilian Harbormaster one of the primary objectives was management of the moorings. In my mind it was THE most important objective at that stage. To this day that objective has not been reached. In spite of the varied attempts by the Waterways Board, beginning with the request to have a mooring survey conducted in 2009, we all can see moorings that have not been reassigned, moorings that are not used for years at a time and many possible "holes" where new moorings could be placed. I am sure that if the mooring fields were properly managed we would already have at least 10% more moorings. As well as have mooring fields that are full of vessels and used as required by the regulations. I am also sure that if the mooring fields were properly managed that there would not be a reason for the public outcry that led to the Mayor's request. South East harbor is not a desirable mooring field and these 71 moorings will largely sit empty, as have the 30 moorings that were created in that field more than five years ago. This will further add to the discontent of the public. I am not in favor of satisfying the Mayor's request in this manner. I am in favor of proper management and utilization of all mooring fields. Increasing the moorings in South East Harbor should be the last frontier...after dealing with the huge wakes that make that mooring field untenable. Several members agreed with Cate, noting the wake issue there. It was noted that the 71 additional moorings would clear the Wait List for this area. There being no other comments the Public Hearing is closed.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Jim Bordinaro, second by Bob Gillis the Board voted unanimously to approve the additional moorings in Southeast Harbor. **Motion passed**

**Harbormaster's Report:** Jim reported on the meeting held on July 10<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Shellfish and Conservation agents with all the existing waterfront property owners in the newly revised DPA to discuss proposed changes to the existing DPA permit for pile replacement. The office provided logistical support to MassPort and their legal representatives to conduct site visits for newly installed eco moorings. The Coast Guard conducted their annual inspection of the launch without issue. Launch operator Bob Delaney is inputting e-mail address of mooring holders when not running the launch. Jim informed the Board of Terry Sands receiving a mooring in Lighthouse Beach two years ago; his boat was stolen and ended up on the rocks. He never installed the mooring, but now he wants to have the mooring back. After discussion the Board agreed, since there are 6 people on the Wait List he is number 7 on the list now. Jim reported on the work schedule for personnel in the office being altered to supply the necessary coverage needed. There is a change in the dockage for the "Eagle"; they will dock behind the security fence at Americold and Gorton's. Members discussed unused mooring, a meeting with the IT director on the new program for the moorings, tickets issued on the Annisquam River and the assessments issued to mooring holders.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Public Facilities: Anthony Gross informed the Board of the meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>, highlighting the discussions held during this time. He continued with explaining the issue of Harry Reardon and his one year exemption from habitual use. It was recommended to the Board to allow Mr. Reardon to place another boat, not owned by him, on his mooring for the 2014 season. A documented vessel will be on the mooring for the 2015 season.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously that Mr. Reardon will be allowed to place another boat 32' or less, not owned by him but for his personal use, on his mooring for the 2014 season and this will be considered as his one year exemption from habitual use.

**Mooring passed**

Discussion by the Board was on the unauthorized mooring and anchoring in the Annisquam River, number of deleted moorings and number reissued. Jim will provide this information for the next Board meeting.

Operations & Finance/Safety: Dave spoke on the BIG proposal, its requirements, time limits, and all necessary paperwork. Also, discussed was the Harbormaster's facilities project; i.e.: cost estimates, rents, buildout options. The next meeting will be on August 21<sup>st</sup> and will discuss FY2015 accounts.

Regulations Review: Chairman Pino inquired as to how many moorings are needed in each area. Jim will provide this information.

**Regulations Review Committee Recommendations:**

**Consent Agenda:** No discussion

**Future Meetings:** Chairman Pino suggested strategizing the meetings. There will be a special meeting in the fall to discuss things planned; this being September 30<sup>th</sup>. The next monthly meeting is September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m.

**Continuing and unanticipated business:** Patti Page spoke on a representative and ideas for the Harbor Plan.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Shirley M. Edmonds

