

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room
City Hall, Gloucester, MA
September 2, 2014**

Present: Ralph Pino, Anthony Gross, David McCauley, Patti Page, Jim Bordinaro, Mark Lacey, Vito Calomo, Bob Gillis, Steve LeBlanc

Also Present: Cate Banks, Jay Gustafarro

Chairman Pino opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

Oral Communications: Jay Gustafarro is requesting the Board to allow him to put a 31 ft. boat on his mooring which has a 17 ft. on it now. He stated he originally had either a 34 ft. or 35 ft. boat on the mooring. Referred to Public Facilities.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Vito Calomo, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of July 1 with the following correction:

Page 2, 9th sentence from the bottom: delete addition, add addition

On a motion of Vito Calomo, second by Mark Lacey the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of August 5th with the following corrections:

Page 2, Status Eco Moorings: delete Hazeleet, add Hazelett;

Page 2, SE Harbor Additional Moorings: 4th sentence from bottom: add "untenable." after field.

Page 3, Regulations Review: delete "The next meeting will be on the 12th."

Regulations Review Committee Recommendations: This committee recommends a Public Hearing be held on the following: a fee structure for Wait List applications Article 4 Section 3C shall be amended to read "\$10.00 annual renewal fee for 2 mooring areas and \$10.00 each for up to an additional 3 mooring areas with a limit of 5 mooring areas selected per application." Board members discussed this noting the Wait List would be managed better and people would be more selective. Patti Page disagrees, stating the mooring areas should be managed better. Mark agrees on the management of the mooring areas.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted 7 YES (Ralph Pino, Anthony Gross, David McCauley, Jim Bordinaro, Mark Lacey, Vito Calomo, Bob Gillis) and 1 NO (Patti Page) to hold a Public Hearing on the new fee structure on the Wait List as recommended by the Regulations Review Committee. **Motion passed**

Update on Schooner Festival and Eagle: Jim Caulkett reported that all went well. The Schooner Festival Committee did an excellent job getting the Eagle here and providing the services the vessel required.

Update Breakwater Float Purchase approval Solomon Jacobs and lease to National Grid: Chairman Pino informed Board members of the change in the number of docks needed and the plan for placing these in the water and storing them in the winter months. The anchoring system was discussed.

Update on Harbormaster Building/Transient Boating Facility: Chairman Pino commented on the letter to Sarah Garcia requesting she contact the Seaport Council to try to get a Seaport Bond in the amount of \$60,000 for an architectural and engineering study for the building. He will follow up with her on the progress. David McCauley spoke of the BIG grant, the process, reimbursements, and time lines. He will be speaking with Stephanie further. Discussion continued on the BIG grant, Seaport Bond and a partnership with National Grid.

Transient Moorings Update: Jim Caulkett informed Board members of the responses from business owners.

New Moorings and Unassigned Moorings Update: A report will be presented in October.

Request Annisquam River Dredging: The letter written by Anthony Gross to Congressman John Tierney was discussed. David McCauley suggested adding the U.S. Coast Guard and the importance of rescue, and the number of vessels, commercial and recreational, using the river.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Jim Bordinaro, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously to send the revised letter to Congressman John Tierney. **Motion passed**

Also discussed was the letter written by Anthony Gross to Amy Peavey on renaming the launch ramp in Lanes Cove to be the Bob Peavey Memorial Launch Ramp. Board members agreed to send it.

Harbormaster's Report: Jim reported that Lobster Cove and Hodgkins Cove Public Landings are almost complete; also, the signs at Lobster Cove need to be redesigned. He spoke of the benches placed in Hodgkins Cove, and the clean up by Christian Dagley. Launch Operator Bob Delaney has installed 297 e-mail addresses in Mail Chimp, a total of 15 areas. Members discussed Mail Chimp in depth. A meeting with James Pope was suggested to discuss this further. Next discussed was the assessment fee. Jim will provide the total money paid at the next meeting. Jim reported that Ellen Carney had been working on a free standing map on Public Landings. Jim would like to continue with this to completion.

Subcommittee Reports:

Public Facilities: No report

Operations & Finance: The BIG grant proposal was discussed previously. No other report

Regulations Review: Motion above, no other report

Consent Agenda – Amendments to Permits: A lengthy discussion with no resolution; to be revisited at a later date.

Continuing and unanticipated business: Jim Caulkett stated the last day for operation of the launch is September 14th. A date for a ride in the launch for Board members to view various mooring fields will be scheduled. Patti Page inquired as to the update on the dinghy docks. Jim assured her phone calls to Cripple Cove and Magnolia mooring holders had been made, and Chris has to do final work on this to be assured who and what boat should be there. Upon further checking, Patti would find more boats moored there.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Shirley M. Edmonds