

Public Facilities Committee

Gloucester Water Ways Board

Guidance Office Conference Room, Gloucester High School

July 16, 2014

Minutes

Present: Patti Page, Tony Gross, Karen Tibbetts, Jim Caulket and Mark Lacey. Also present Jim Bordinaro, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reardon and Jared Rodrigues and Kiern O 'Connell from EPYC.

Items one and two were taken out of order.

Item #2 Harry Reardon stated that he has sold his 32 ' lobster boat. He is looking for a new boat and wanted permission to put another boat on his mooring. Taking into consideration that Mr Reardon wished to try one or more boats on a trial basis, Tony Gross made a motion to recommend to the board That Mr Reardon be allowed to place another boat, not owned by him, but for his personal use , on his mooring #0009, for the 2014 boating season . Said boat will be 32 ' or less. This allowance is for the 2014 season and will be considered as his one year exemption from habitual use . Mr Reardon will have a properly documented vessel for the 2015 season. Seconded by Mark Lacey, all in favor.

Item # 1- Jared Rodriguez and Kiern O 'Connell from EPYC stated that they wish to withdraw their proposal to wave the launch fees at Dun Fudgin for the coach boats at the upcoming junior Olympics. They proposed to have the EPYC pay the fees. Jim Caulket asked for a list of the coach boats that will use the launch. EPYC will supply the harbor Master's office with the list. EPYC also said that the Mayor has given permission to launch sail boats from Niles Beach. Jim Bordinaro stated that launching boats from the beach may be a violation of the lease the city holds with the beach owners.

Item #3 Transient mooring . The following transient mooring permit holders have been sent requests for compliance letters by Jim Caulket

1/ Dirt Murray

2/ Gloucester Yankee

3/Beacon Marine Basin

4/ Heron Way Marina

5/ Annisquam Market Marina LLC

6/ Maritime Gloucester

Jim Caulket will also send letters to transient mooring holders with improperly marked mooring balls requesting compliance [orange balls].

Item #4 Unauthorized mooring and anchoring in the river. Jim Caulket has said he will survey the area off Thurstons Pt. He has contacted boat owners and residents and will meet next week in an attempt to legalize the moorings in the area. There was some discussion that a number of illegally moored boats are owned by children. Jim Bordinaro stated that an 18' boat with a 100 hp engine is not a kid's boat. Patti Page brought in photographs of three boats anchored. Jim Caulket will investigate.

Item #5 Mooring wait list. Jim Caulket brought in a list of moorings given up and reassigned. M Lacey asked to see some sort of work sheet or action sheet to see that moorings are being reassigned in a timely manner. Jim Caulket said that the launch drivers are working on the list and agreed to bring a list.

Item #6 Fish Pier Location. Patti Page suggested that the State Fish Pier would be a good location for the fishing pier. Tony Gross said the state will not allow it. It was decided the west side of the Stacy Blvd is the only option. Due to the opposition to the pier from the City Council, and in an attempt to sway the council's opposition approval for the pier from the public will be sought. Karen Tibbetts volunteered to approach the Fisherman's Wives Ass and Jim Bordinaro agreed to approach the Chamber of Commerce for feedback. Patti Page is in opposition to the fish pier at that location.

Item #7 Public Landing improvements. Jim Caulket said that the benches have been ordered. Hodgkins cove is waiting for the DPW clean- up. Jim Caulket will contact DPW for a schedule. Hodgkins Cove signs are in the Harbor Masyer 's office. Jim Caulket and Mark Lacey will meet to discuss Lobster Cove signs. There was a discussion regarding the state of the St Peter 's public float. Karen Tibbetts and Mark Lacey felt the docks were a mess with trash and illegally stored gear. Karen Tibbetts volunteered to clean the floats and call Jim Caulket to remove collected debris. Jim Caulket agreed to draft a letter to the Lobstermen and the Fisheries commission asking tenants to cease using the public float as a storage depot.

Item #8. Cripple Cove. Patti Page has done a survey of the dinghy dock at Cripple Cove . She has found that a small portion of the permitted dinghys are in compliance. Patti will give her findings to Jim Caulket who will contact the non -compliant permittees.

Item #9 Parking Permits. Patti Page had one complaint regarding parking placards. No action was taken.

Item #10 Large Pelagic Mooring. There are over 100 people on the wait list for Hodgkins Cove area. It was felt that some justification for jumping to the head of the list is needed. Jim Caulket will send a letter to Large Pelagic Research asking for an explanation of the use of the requested mooring.

Item #11 Chapter 91 review two site visits are scheduled. 16 Periwinkle and 19 Chester Sq..

Item #12 Jim Bordinaro commended the Harbor Master on the review given by the state for the pump out boat. He also praised the harbormaster for the handout package given to visiting boats. T Gross made a motion to adjourn at 6:35, seconded by M Lacey meeting adjourned.

