

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
Cata Building Conference Room
Gloucester, MA 01930
November 4, 2014**

Present: Anthony Gross, David McCauley, Patti Page, Jim Bordinaro, Mark Lacey, Bob Gillis, Karen Tibbetts, Jim Caulkett

Also Present: Kate Banks, Salvatore Salafia, Ken Lento representing National Grid

Co-Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

Oral Communications: Mr. Salafia spoke of sub-leasing Mr. Muniz's slip at St. Peter's Marina last year. He is asking permission to lease this slip earlier this year. There being no objections the Board gave their approval.

Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Bob Gillis, second by David McCauley the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the October 7th meeting with the following corrections:

Page 1 Consent Agenda-Amendments to Moorings, 3rd line under **Motion:** delete "and the bow and stern mooring for Bob Cunningham"

Page 2 Subcommittee Reports: Public Facilities 2nd line: add after why "not put"

Ken Lento, Solomon Jacobs Mitigation Project: Ken spoke of the project and working with the City on the floating dock system. He gave an update; i.e.: all permits have been submitted to the regulatory agencies on local, state and federal levels, have received their first permit from Mass DEP, they anticipate all permits in hand before next March, and they are on schedule to start work beginning next year. He continued speaking of the amendments to the agreement they have with the city, including the proposed lease for the building. Discussion continued on the operation of the Harbormaster's Office and the placement of the vessels. The schedule of work at this time is September 15, 2015 – May 30, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING: Co-Chairman Gross read the proposed changes to the Wait List Regulations, Article IV, Section 3C, also the rules pertaining to Public Hearings.

Cate Banks, 8 Pilots Hill, Gloucester stated she voted against these changes when she was still on the Waterways Board. She is still not in favor of adding the \$30.00, but is in favor of shortening the list by limiting it; she suggested 5. She is speaking for all the people who do not know what is happening or who would end up paying the \$40.00. Discussion followed with several members agreeing with Cate.

Public Hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

Harbormaster Report: A meeting was held with City Engineer Paul Keane, Jim, and MBTA representatives to discuss the replacement of the existing train bridge across the Annisquam River. Jim elaborated on the items discussed. A printed viewing of the completed new bridge as compared to the old bridge was presented to all members. Next discussed were the landing slips not returned; a notice will be sent to remind the tenants.

Committee Reports:

Public Facilities: No report

Operations & Finance/Safety: Karen spoke of advertising the launch. The committee has agreed to dedicate up to \$500 for double sided cards extolling Gloucester as a destination and providing information on the launch. These cards will be placed in racks at the February 2015 Boat Show and mailed to marinas and yacht clubs in the region. Jim will provide information for the content and design of the card. The committee discussed increasing the transient mooring fee with the launch included, also discussed was the increase with the transient mooring only. Lengthy discussion by all followed.

>**Motion:** On a motion of David McCauley, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board discussed the motion as written in the minutes of the Operations & Finance, Safety Committee: The Waterways Board approves the increase in the daily transient vessel mooring fee from \$25 to \$35, effective for the 2015 boating season and thereafter.

Motion Withdrawn Referred back to Operations & Finance/Safety

Also discussed was the expansion of the “No Wake” zone in Gloucester, transient moorings in other areas that could accommodate them, the time lines for the National Grid construction project, FY14 free cash and cash management for the Harbormaster operations at Dun Fudgin, the launch, and mooring fees. Co-Chairman Gross referred to OFS the money going to bid for the Charter review.

Regulations Review: No report

Discussion Items: Jim informed Board members of speaking with Bill Sanborn about renovations to the National Grid building.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley M. Edmonds

