

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930
December 2, 2014**

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

Also Present: Kate Banks, Joe Boreland

Oral Communications: None

Current Agenda:

Minutes: The Waterways Board November 4th minutes, the Operations, Finance and Safety November 24th minutes, and the Public Facilities October 21st minutes were all accepted by the Board.

Transient Moorings in A/R near Wingaersheek Beach: On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted 7 YES (Ralph Pino, Anthony Gross, Dave McCauley, Patti Page, Jim Bordinaro, Mark Lacey, Karen Tibbetts) and 2 not in attendance to vote (Vito Calomo, Bob Gillis) to refer this to Public Facilities. **Motion passed**

Change In Waiting List Regulations: On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted 6 YES (Ralph Pino, Anthony Gross David McCauley, Jim Bordinaro, Mark Lacey, Karen Tibbetts), 1 OPPOSED (Patti Page) and 2 not in attendance to vote (Vito Calomo, Bob Gillis) to amend the motion on Article 4 Section 3C Wait List Application information to read: A person wishing to have their name placed up to *five mooring areas' lists* must present themselves to the Harbormaster's Office to complete the appropriate application or call to have an application faxed. To be changed prior to next renewal cycle. **Motion passed**

No Wake Zone in Harbor: A lengthy discussion by all with many mentioning moving the "No Wake" buoy, speeding, whale watch boats, weather conditions, fishing boats and lack of consideration when causing wakes. The Coast Guard will be contacted about this concern.

Harbormaster Report: Jim reported on attending the Conservation Commission meeting to speak in favor of both the National Grid Remediation Project and our new Float System at Solomon Jacobs Park. An application has been submitted to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Clean Vessel Act Program for funds in support of the new float and shore side pumpout system to be installed at Solomon Jacobs Park in conjunction with the National Grid Remediation Project. The estimated cost for this system/float is \$90,000.00, of which the Waterways Enterprise Retained Earnings 25% share will be \$22,500.00. A list of considerations for the available Waterways Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Free Cash was presented and discussed. The Operations, Finance and Safety Committee will bring recommendations from the list to the Board. Jerry Nicasro has requested approval for storing his traps at St. Peter's Commercial Marina. The Board does not agree with his traps being stored in the area he requested.

Subcommittee Reports:

Public Facilities: CPA Funding of projects to be discussed at the next meeting. Mark reported there are no clear property lines in the Rocky Neck parking lot and City water sheet. The committee passed a motion to recommend to the Board hire a surveyor. There was discussion of the dispute of neighbors on Sutter's Landing, noting this is a private way and not a public landing. The committee also discussed a Board member to go out once a month with the same Assistant Harbormaster to check a specific mooring area.

Motion: On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to have a Board member go out with the same Assistant Harbormaster once a month to check a mooring area. **Motion passed**

Operations, Finance & Safety: The committee passed a motion that the Waterways Board approves an increase in the daily transient vessel mooring fee from \$25.00 to \$45.00, effective for the 2015 boating season and thereafter. The Waterways Board further approves a discounted rate for use of the launch by transient vessels. A lengthy discussion followed on the increased fee and the launch service being included. The launch fee is sent back to committee for discussion.

Motion: On a motion of Vito Calomo, second by Anthony Gross the Board voted unanimously to have a launch fee of \$100.00 per season for mooring holders in the launch operational areas with a limit of 4 people.

Motion passed

Motion: On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Mark Lacey the Board voted 8 YES (Ralph Pino, Dave McCauley, Patti Page, Jim Bordinaro, Vito Calomo, Mark Lacey, Bob Gillis, Karen Tibbetts) and 1 NO (Anthony Gross) to raise the transient mooring fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00 effective for the 2015 boating season and thereafter. **Motion passed**

The next motion from the committee was to have the Waterways Board appropriate up to \$40,000.00 for the preparation of a Management Review for the Harbormaster's Office with a focus on the best practice solutions in key areas.

Motion: On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Operations, Finance and Safety Committee to appropriate up to \$40,000.00 for the preparation of a Management Review for the Harbormaster's Office with a focus on best practice solutions in key areas. **Motion passed**

Regulations Review: No meeting

Discussion: Upon request from Shirley Edmonds members discussed the issuing of moorings to the people on the Wait List for the various areas and for the slips at the 2 commercial marinas. Referred to Public Facilities.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds

