

## MINUTES

**Waterways Board  
3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall  
Gloucester, MA 01930  
July 7, 2015**

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

Also Present: Vito Demetri, Donald King

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

**Oral Communications:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Public Facilities Committee, June 16<sup>th</sup> and Waterways Board minutes June 2<sup>rd</sup>. **Motion passed**

**Motion:** On a motion of Mark Lacey, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to accept the motion from the Public Facilities Committee to allow Vito Demetri the temporary use of slip #4 until either a boat properly sized for the slip appears or the Harbormaster's needs are satisfied. **Motion passed**

**Commercial Marina Slip Reassignments:** Vito Demetri spoke of being concerned with where he will be after the temporary assignment and wanted to know if his former slip will still stay as a 20 ft. boat. Donald King stated he would welcome the Harbormaster down there year round, and would like the Board consider rent increases, water down there, have riffraff removed and the rule on the books enforced. One person is destroying the place and it should be kept clean since this is the gateway to the city. He feels it is an insult to the visitors.

**EPYC New Mooring:** On a motion of Vito Calomo, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Public Facilities Committee to approve a new mooring for the EPYC launch. **Motion passed**

**Mooring #173:** Mark Lacey made a motion to allow Bob Normand to loan his mooring #172 at Ten Pound to his father for the month of June. **Motion withdrawn**

**Commercial Marina Tenant's Insurance, Permit and Payment Status:** Shirley Edmonds presented the figures for the tenants at both Commercial Marinas. The time for sending in insurance with the City of Gloucester has extended to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim

Bordinaro suggested Jim meeting with tenants and enforce the necessary documents for being there. Discussion followed on liability, qualifications. Jim Caulkett suggested reviewing Michael Brien and Rosemarie Trefry. He's instructed to send a violation letter to vacate the marina.

**>Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously to have the Harbormaster's Office notify the tenants by certified mail they have 2 weeks to provide a copy of their insurance policy listing the City as an addition insured and if they fail in 2 weeks they get a notice of revocation.

**Amend motion to read:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by David McCauley the Board voted unanimously to have the Harbormaster's Office notify the tenants by certified mail they have until August 1<sup>st</sup> to provide a copy of their insurance policy listing the City as an addition insured, and if they fail by August 1<sup>st</sup> they get a notice of revocation. **Motion passed**

**Commercial Marinas and Magnolia Pier Piling Inspections:** Dave Smith reported to Jim Caulkett that Harbor Cove and St. Peter's Marina pilings are in good shape; roller chains need work. Final reports for St. Peter's and Harbor Cove are to be separate. Magnolia Pier will be done once the funds come in.

**Regulation Changes:** Article VI Section under sub section D tabled.

**Harbormaster Report:** Jim and Chairman Gross attended a meeting of the Merrimack River Beach Alliance (MRBA) on June 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the creation of a coalition of communities of Gloucester, Essex, Ipswich and Newburyport to pursue dredging issues. It was noted that the State has no funds for this; discussion followed. On July 1<sup>st</sup> Susan Nilson, CLE Engineering, was given a harbor and river tour in conjunction with the Harbormaster Management Review. Nine areas have been completed on the mooring survey; phone calls made, follow up surveys completed and approximately 25 assessments have been sent. Mike Hale will send one of his personnel, who is a surveyor, to survey the landing Brown's Mill behind Capt. Hooks.

#### **Subcommittee Reports:**

Public Facilities: Committee member discussed mooring fields visits. They will contact Jim Caulkett. Also discussed was who would write up the rules for gear inspection.

Operations, Finance & Safety Committee: Dave McCauley reported finding balances from various accounts that had been established since 1998. Jim spoke of the use of these funds and authorization has been received from Seaport Council as long as the funds are for St. Peter's Marina, Solomon Jacobs, and buoy kiosks. Safety issues at Magnolia pier should be discussed.

Regulations Review Committee: Major item discussed were standardization of slip assignments and rental fees for commercial marinas; tabled. Additional language to be inserted in the issuing of mooring permits in reference to best practice of mooring fields management and amendment to permits. Mud moorings need to be better defined where they are in relationship to low tide.

**Update on Harbormaster Review:** Board members received a letter from Susan Nilson on the Harbormaster Review. Cate Banks sent a note on her observations of the anchorage in the Inner Harbor. Ralph Pino stated there are some good things in there and should be put out to the public; do our own publicizing. Jim Caulkett was pleased with it and it will help the office. David agreed with Ralph. Chairman Gross suggested a press release.

**Discussion not on Items:** Patti Page presented documentation to Chairman Gross on the Gloucester High School Sailing program and SAILGHS organization. Other Board members can get a copy electronically. She reported a member of the Board had made inquiries as to the status of the program; therefore, she felt compelled to present the documentation for all Board members.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds