

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930
August 4, 2015**

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

Also Present: Mike Brien, Rosemarie Trefry, Susan Nilson, Cate Banks

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Oral Communications: None

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Dave McCauley, the Board voted unanimously to accept the WWB minutes of July 7, 2015 **Motion passed**

Michael Brien: Jim Caulkett informed Board members of the reasons for any revocation of a slip at the Commercial Marinas. Mike spoke of his boat being in the water, has current insurance and license, and had never received the letter asking for landing slips. He wanted to put his boat in, but couldn't since he had eye surgery last year and is still having trouble with his eyes. Ralph Pino stated as far as he is concerned this is in violation and should be revoked; this slip should be given to someone who is actively fishing. Vito said Mike has all the necessary insurance, licenses, is up to date on payments, has complied with all the regulations and sees no justification for revocation. David McCauley feels Mike has not complied with the regulations. Discussion followed by all.

>Motion: On a motion by Ralph Pino, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously to continue this matter until the first meeting of the Board in December to make a determination that this boat was actively engaged in fishing and want to see not less than 20 landing slips.

Rosemarie Trefry: Jim and Rosemarie conversed by e-mail on her providing landing slips, insurance, lease plus non-payment of rent. She mailed landing slips and lease, but no insurance since the boat must be surveyed before insurance can be supplied. Also, the rent has been paid.

Motion: On a motions of Ralph Pino, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously that this matter be continued for 1 month by the next WWB meeting in order to get the insurance straightened out, and if insurance is straightened by that period of time and the Harbormaster receives it than this should be dismissed since it is actively fishing. **Motion passed**

Susan Nilson: Susan presented a draft on the management review of the Harbormaster's Department and elaborated on the findings with information received from interviews wth 26 different people, office procedures, WWB Rules and Regulations, Chapter 10 of the City Ordinance and from other departments; Marblehead, Newburyport, Salem, Hingham, New Bedford. She spoke of working with the IT Department, Mail Chimp, and information to the public. Ralph stated this should be run like a business, and as for the City's software program he doesn't think it will work for the department. Discussion continued on this and "off the shelf" programs. Handling of payments for the department was discussed. Jim Caulkett stated on Transient Moorings he needs more control on people selecting a mooring on line; these are set up for boat length. Dave McCauley stated he agreed to the management review on recommendations for the management of the regular moorings, the IT Department, and the financial. Discussion on an audible system for payments followed. A final report will be ready by the October meeting.

Alboni Mooring: Mr. Alboni has requested a mooring in Ipswich Bay in front of his property for a 17 ft. boat. This being an exposed area the size gear was noted and the mooring must be outside of eel grass.

Motion: On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously to approve the said mooring with the co-ordinates Jim has and other requirements of the ordinance for that size boat in an unprotected area. **Motion passed**

Mooring Swap: John Carollo, mooring #113 in the inner harbor, has requested a swap with Joseph Balbo, mooring #1083 in Southeast Harbor. Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Ride Along Reports: Cate Banks went to inspect Lobster Cove on the 20th of July with a copy of the survey dated June 22nd for comparison. She provided a spread sheet showing 16 mooring numbers not reissued. She feels the survey should be on going performed after July 4th and before Labor Day. The LOA (length over all) was discussed with Jim Caulkett stating that the length is taken from the documentation to determine the fee. Cate found several discrepancies that could be easily corrected. She sat with Chis Lucido learning about the assessment fees, phone calls and then letters, and finally, after no response, a revoked letter is sent. Karen Tibbetts reported she went out on the week of July 13th, week of July 20th and week of August 3rd. She presented a list showing the 28 mooring numbers with comments of mostly "no vessel". Her report covered Inner Harbor, Wonson Cove, Oak Cove and Southeast Harbor. Ralph Pino and Jim Bordinaro have started their survey, will continue to go out, and then will report when they have completed their inspection. Dave suggested Jim and Shirley provide for all Board members at each meeting a list of all unused moorings that have not been reissued. Patti Page reported on her survey of Cripple Cove. Most of the mooring holders are in compliance except 4, which have not been there for over a year. Board members and Jim Caulkett will receive a summary of the findings and Jim will report what action is taken at the next meeting.

The following were discussed: Aaron Poirier: Jim Caulkett reported that Mr. Poirier was issued a mooring in Southeast Harbor and he is requesting his mooring be placed off his property at Island Rock Lane. Via a picture, Jim showed his property, also stated he has no problem with this request since he has co-ordinates, is outside eel grass area, and will not interfere with other moorings. All agreed.

Mooring #438, A/R Area A: A request has come for this mooring to be used for 1 year only by a 15 ft. Boston Whale (bow/stern) since the mooring holder is unable to put his 44 ft. sailboat in this year. All agreed.

Mr. Caturano: Received a mooring in Southeast Harbor and would like it placed in front of house on Eastern Point instead of where the mooring is. The new spot would be outside the eel grass area, closer to Niles Beach and Jim stated he has no problem with changing the location.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted to approve this change of location. **Motion passed**

Harbormaster Report: Jim reported on providing a harbor tour for several members of the Massachusetts Mayor's Association. The July 25th Howard Blackburn Challenge was held with no difficulties during the launching of vessels at Dun Fudgin, however there were issues with lack of safety vessels for this event and the strong winds and surf experienced at the entrance to the Annisquam River. The Coast Guard held a meeting on August 5th with event organizers and local safety organizations to discuss/resolve these issues. A meeting was held on July 31st with Ken Lento, National Grid Remediation Project Manager and members from Charter Contracting Company, LLC to discuss time frames for moving out of office and removing Harbormaster vessels and floats; Shirley moved by August 21st, start of removal of pier and pilings at Solomon Jacobs on Sept. 14th, launch operations secured by 9:30 p.m. Sept. 7th, "No Wake" buoys secured, haul 17' Whaler, 18' Parker and Launch. The 23' Parker and Pumpout vessels will be move to St. Peter's Marina to continue operations through October. Jim has requested the Board approve a "No Fishing" sign be placed on the floats at Solomon Jacobs since squid ink is being sprayed all over the boats.

>Motion: On a motion of Chairman Gross, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to give the Harbormaster permission to post a “No Fishing” sign at Solomon Jacobs. **Motion passed**
Jim reported that the City has received a \$20,000.00 check which he will write to the Council requesting it be put into the Solomon Jacobs Stabilization Account to be used for that project. Jim reported an increase in revenue from last year at the same time; Dun Fudgin, Transient Moorings, and Launch. Jim Bordinaro wants the Regulations Review Committee to review the whole procedure of issuing moorings to expedite it.

Subcommittee Reports: Operations, Finance and Safety Committee: no report
Public Facilities Committee: no report

Discussion Items: Annisquam Yacht Club Trawl.

>Motion: On a motion by Jim Bordinaro, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to defer the request from Annisquam Yacht Club Trawl to Pubic Facilities. **Motion passed**

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds

