

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930
October 6, 2015**

Present: Anthony Gross, Ralph Pino, Dave McCauley, Patti Page, Jim Bordinaro, Mark Lacey, Karen Tibbetts, Steve LeBlanc

Also: Cate Banks, Tobin Dominick, and Mr. Capone

Oral Communications: Mr. Capone spoke of his concerns regarding the issuing of moorings off Plum Cove Beach. A petition to prevent any more moorings was presented to the Board. A site visit is planned for October 17th.

Consent Agenda: On a motion of Jim Bordinaro, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to accept the WWB minutes for September 1 and September 9. Operations, Finance & Safety Committee minutes will be reviewed at the November meeting.

Magnolia Pier: Board members reviewed the engineering inspection report for Magnolia Pier, noting that it was very thorough. Some of the concerns were cross menders, handrails, additional supports, ladders. Members discussed the importance of correcting these issues. Jim Bordinaro stated these are very serious problems.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Jim Bordinaro, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to have Chairman Gross e-mail the Mayor about the structural engineer's report of the condition of Magnolia Pier.

National Grid Update: Jim Caulkett informed the Board of the progress of the National Grid Remediation Project. He has been attending meetings with Ken Lento, representing National Grid, subcontractors, and representatives of Charter on the progress of the project.

Plum Cove Site Visit: Chairman Gross spoke of the Waterways Board Regulations, Article 4 Section 10-A which states before assigning a mooring in a new area we must take into consideration safety as it pertains to exposure and available access. He continued with the Gloucester Code of Ordinances 10-51 G which states that before we can create a new mooring area we must hold a Public Hearing. Discussion followed. A site visit is planned for October 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Mooring Renewals: A letter from the Harbormaster is to be included in the 2016 Mooring Renewals reminding permittees of their responsibility to comply with Waterways Board Regulations Article 4, Section 4, Mooring and Vessel Identification. Cate Banks suggested adding a section of the regulations.

Rafting of Vessels on Moorings: It was brought to the attention of the Board that several members have reported seeing boats rafting on their personal mooring. Discussion followed on how to deal with this problem. Jim Caulkett spoke of the daily log for transient moorings showing if there is rafting and also rafting is in the regulations.

Tracking Documentation of Permittees: Board members discussed this in depth. Chairman Gross stated this would be helpful to mooring information.

Moorings revoked, given up and reassignments: Jim Caulkett supplied the numbers for each category. He also gave the process for revoking moorings and the instructions for contacting the State if a mooring holder

receives a letter of revocation. Jim proceeded to update the mooring review lists from Karen Tibbetts and Mark Lacey. Discussion followed on Tim Hawks' late renewal. It was noted that the season is April 15-Oct. 15.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to have Jim Caulkett send revoked letters to all who do not comply with the regulations.

Harbormaster Office Management Review: CLE Engineering will have the review ready for the November 10th meeting.

Harbormaster Report: Jim reported that the Magnolia Public Landing float and gangway, and 80' of floats from Solomon Jacobs Landing were taken out on September 16th. Conservation Commission approved his Notice of Intent (NOI) for the 50 Pile Replacement Program in the Designated Port Area (DPA). On October 1 Jim forwarded to the Board an update of the National Grid Remediation Project. A request to accept the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) for Solomon Jacobs Float System was forwarded to the Mayor for her Report to Council. Fund balances were discussed in depth. Gus Kirk wrote a request for a refund on his payment for the launch since he made it late in the season.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Mark Lacey the Board voted unanimously to deny the request from Gus Kirk for a refund.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Chairman Gross, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously no action is taken on the letter from Alfred Mayor regarding a houseboat.

Subcommittee Reports:

Operations, Finance and Safety: Minutes held until the November meeting; discussion only, no action taken. Dave McCauley and Board members discussed the Phase 2, a plan for the building is needed, various funding, free cash, and a review of the Launch Service. Chairman Gross stated the City needs to get involved in all Phases. He and Ralph Pino will meet with Administration on this. It is noted that GZA has been invited to the November meeting.

Discussion Items: The Board was presented a petition from the Wheeler's Point Yacht Club requesting dredging of the mouth of the Mill River, and possibly the Mill River itself. Mr. DaSilva informed the Board via a letter about the porta potti situated on the Public Landing in Lanes Cove. Jim Hafey will be contacted.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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