

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930
November 10, 2015**

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

Also: Cate Banks, Dave Smith (GZA), Dave Morey, Russell Hobbs, Ronald Parnell

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Oral Communications: None

Consent Agenda: On a motion of Jim Bordinaro, second by Davie McCauley the Board voted unanimously to accept the WWB minutes October 6, Operations, Finance and Safety Committee minutes October 1, and Public Facilities Committee minutes October 20.

Proposed Plum Cove Moorings: The moorings to be placed off Plum Cove Beach were discussed by all; i.e.: safety, Dave Morey spoke of people using paddle boards to reach their mooring, crossing the beach to get to the water. It was noted that Mr. Vidal withdrew his request for a mooring there. Russell Hobbs and Ronald Parnell spoke of fishing in this area and how the moorings would affect them. Chairman Gross agreed with them noting that he fishes there and it is not a particularly good area for moorings. After further review from the site visit Chairman Gross stated there is no adequate access and exposure can be very hazarded at times.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Chairman Gross second by Dave McCauley the Board voted by roll call vote to approve Mr. Previti's request for a mooring off Plum Cove Beach; roll call vote: Anthony Gross NO, Patti Page NO, Mark Lacey NO, Vito Calomo NO, Dave McCauley NO, Ralph Pino NO, Jim Bordinaro NO, and Karen Tibbetts NO.

Motion defeated

Chairman Gross stated the Board must vote to have a Public Mooring. He wants it on record that their rationale for the vote either up or down is according to the regulations, accessibility, unprotected by strong winds, safety issues considered; the criteria goes against having a mooring field in Plum Cove.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted by roll call vote to have a Public Hearing for a mooring area off Plum Cove Beach; roll call vote: Anthony Gross NO, Patti Page NO, Mark Lacey NO, Vito Calomo NO, Jim Bordinaro NO, Dave McCauley NO, Ralph Pino NO, Karen Tibbetts NO.

Motion defeated

It was mentioned that 4 floats are in this area. This will be checked out. Also, Public Facilities will review Steve Ruberti's abandoned mooring off Plum Cove Beach.

Dave Smith: (GZA) Magnolia Pier: Dave elaborated on the inspection of the Magnolia Pier, the underwater inspection of all pilings, the upper visual inspection and general condition; report attached. A lengthy discussion followed on the cost of repairs and the cost of a new structure. Chairman Gross stressed this structure needs minimal repairs and must be ready for use by May, 2016.

Commercial Marina Eviction: Members discussed the appeal letter from Rosemarie Trefry regarding her eviction from Harbor Cove Commercial Docks. They noted how she failed to supply her boat's insurance

papers as requested for a previous meeting, plus the nonpayment of rent months at a time and not appearing at the meeting when requested.

>Motion: On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Jim Bordinaro, the Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal from Rosemarie Trefry.

WWB Regulations, Waitlist Applications and Website Inconsistencies: Patti requested this be sent to Public Facilities for review.

Waitlist Applications with Limit of 5 Areas: Discussion on the form being changed to list all areas. IT Department is unable to work on it as this time.

National Grid Project Update: Jim Caulkett has e-mailed Board members regular updates.

Letter to be included with 2016 Mooring Renewals: Board members are satisfied with the letter that will go out with the 2016 Mooring Renewal forms.

Habitual Use: Jim spoke of the original survey, also stating Chris Lucido and Jim Marshall are working on a format to comply with next year's survey. Jim spoke of the revoked letter to be sent to violators. Discussion continued with moorings not being used, especially Hodgkins Cove. It was suggested that Jim hold a meeting with the mooring holders who will receive a revoked letter.

Harbormaster Office Management Review: To be discussed at the December meeting.

Harbormaster Report: Jim met with Chairman Gross, vice chairman Ralph Pino, Chief Administrative Officer Destino, Ken Lento (National Grid) and Dave Smith (GZA Engineering) on October 26th to discuss the Magnolia Pier Piling Survey Report and GZA bid proposal for the continuing Solomon Jacobs Landing Float Project. A meeting was held on November 2nd with Jim, Massachusetts DOT personnel, Gloucester Police & Fire personnel, Gloucester DPW & Community Development personnel, Gloucester Building Inspector & Conservation Agent to discuss the temporary relocation of the Blynman Canal Bridge Tender's house. This move is due to the collapse of the foundation below the Tender's house. A copy of a grant request submitted to the State Public Access Coordinator for funding assistance with the Magnolia Pier Public Landing Float was discussed. A rough proposal to fund the Solomon Jacobs Float Project was reviewed. Jim presented a list of funding requests to be taken from Retained Earnings for the Board's approval. A lengthy discussion followed on Stabilization Accounts.

>Motion: On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted 8 YES, 1 NO to approve the purchase of the whole float system. **Motion passed**

Also discussed was the list Jim presented for clothing and other items needed for the department.

>Motion: On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Vito Calomo the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of items on the list for the Harbormaster's Department. **Motion passed**

Committee Reports: Public Facilities: Mark highlighted the discussions held at their meeting; i.e.: mooring field management by one assistant, mooring #0110, mooring #0701 and mooring #0002 in Smith Cove. Also discussed was the request from Mr. Taggart, mooring #0875, to increase his boat size from 13' to 24'.

>Motion: On a motion of Mark Lacey, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to allow the increase from a 13' boat to a 24' boat on mooring #875.

Discussion Items: Vito brought up the continuous mess left by a tenant at St. Peter's Marina. He feels something must be done to correct this situation. It is a gateway to our harbor and this abuse must be stopped. Patti Page referred this to Public Facilities.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds

