

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room
City Hall, Gloucester, MA
February 2, 2016**

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

Also Present: Steve Douglass, Don King, Phil Cusumano, Joe Boreland, Tiger Marston

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

Oral Communications: None

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Mark Lacey the Board voted unanimously to accept the Public Facilities Minutes of January 19th and the WWB Minutes of January 5th.

Jen Holmgren: Ms. Holmgren is asking permission to place a Little Free Library at the Stubby Knowles Landing. She will be the steward of the library and will maintain the upkeep. She is applying for a grant in order to repair benches, increase visibility in this area plus the appreciation of this land and maybe stops the trash that builds up there.

>**Motion:** On a Motion of Mark Lacey, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal for the Little Free Library on the Little River **Motion passed**

Maritime Gloucester: Maritime Gloucester presented a proposal during a meeting with Chairman Gross for the use of 5 moorings on a short term basis for small schooners during the Schooner Festival, These would be in the inner harbor and would allow them to have advanced reservations, payments would be made according to our rate, and this would be a 1 – 2 year proposal, depending on how long the National Grid project is. They are also requesting use of some of the Harbormaster's slips in the off season for their boats while their docks are out. Jim Bordinaro commented that it would make more sense to go on a yearly basis; Chairman Gross agreed. Jim Caulkett stated he could work out something with his slips. Chairman Gross would be attending the next meeting and stated there are more things to discuss on docking.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to approve Maritime Gloucester's proposal of reserving 5 moorings for the 2016 Schooner Festival while National Grid is working on their project.

Motion passed

Float System at Ten Pound Island: Steve Douglass spoke of the idea he and Tiger Marston had on putting floats and a gangway at Ten Pound Island. Steve continued with the history of the area. Tiger described the float system and how the float system would be secured. When questioned, Steve verified he is working with the YMCA, noting this is a great spot for Arts Space and the School Department to utilize. The DPW would have no responsibility for cleaning up and the WWB would not be responsible with any of this. Board members had many questions; i.e.: who would the applicant be, signage, float permit, maintenance. Chairman Gross suggested contacting the Administration on this plan and put a proposal with drawings to Jim Caulkett.

Mooring Revocations: Jim Caulkett presented a list of all the revocations noting the names printed in RED: first time offenders and have a grace period of one year; the names in PURPLE: no decision, still working out other circumstances; the names in BLACK: didn't appeal. Discussion followed. Ralph Pino wants to go on record that he doesn't agree with the decisions.

Breakwater Floats Status: A letter was mailed to National Grid and Charter, Inc. asking for compensation for the damaged breakwater floats. No comments from the Board.

National Grid Cleanup Update: Jim Caulkett reported that National Grid has prepared 2/3rd of the foundation for the sea wall, dredging is complete, will work over the summer by the Coast Guard station. He noted that the Coast Guard has agreed to dock some of the schooners for the Schooner Festival.

Harbormaster Report: A meeting was held on January 9th with Chairman Gross, all Assistant Harbormasters and several Launch Operators to discuss CLE Engineering Harbormaster Management Review Report. Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Pino, Dave Smith (GZA) Chief Administrative Officer Jim Destino, Gloucester General Counsel Chip Payson and Jim met to discuss the proper course of action to be taken by the City dealing with the damaged floats for the Solomon Jacobs Landing Project. During the January 26th Managers Meeting held by Chief Administrative Office Jim Destino a discussion was held with all Managers present discussing their social media use with the general public. Jim stated the Board and he are looking at new and different avenues to accomplish this on the recommendations from the CLE Management Review and the published Recreational Boating Advisory Committee Report. Jim passed 5 mooring amendments to the Public Facilities Committee for their review.

Subcommittee Reports:

Ad Hoc Committee: Minutes will be presented at the March 1st meeting.

The draft from the WWB in response to the CLE Assessment of the Harbormaster Department has been recommended to be presented to Administration. The changes are: Under #1: The 3rd sentence starting with "Examples" be deleted. Under #4, Mooring compliance, bullet #4 be deleted.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Mark Lacey the Board voted unanimously to present the corrected draft to the Administration. **Motion passed**

Public Facilities Committee: Patti Page stated that on the Web site some of the moorings areas are not shown on the maps and on the form, several areas are not listed. Jim will correct this oversight. Joe Boreland has requested that Article 4, Section 6, E4 of the regulations be looked at. Arron Tuffley's mooring #0521 has been approved to increase the boat size from 31' to 36'. Jack Alexander's request to increase his boat size from 23' to 25' on mooring #0062 has been approved.

Discussion Items: Jim Caulkett told the Board of speaking with the City Solicitor about Magnolia Pier. He told Jim to not take out the boards. Discussion followed.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds

