

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930
May 3, 2016**

Present: Anthony Gross, Ralph Pino, Dave McCallum, Mark Lacey, Jim Bordinaro, Karen Tibbetts, Phil Cusumano, Bob Alves, Jim Caulkett, Steve LeBlanc

Also Present: Matt Frudette representing Dockwa, Paul Giacalone, Nick Novello, Joe Boreland, Kyle Grant, Joan Cummiskey, and Don King

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

Oral Communication: Joan Cummiskey, Rust Island, spoke to Board members about her mooring being revoked. Apparently she never received the e-mail from Tony in response to her e-mail. She was allowed to read it and would continue the discussion when finished. She wrote to the State and has not heard from them. Tony did repeat the State has the authority to uphold the Board's decision on revoking mooring permits. Ralph stated no boat had been on the mooring last season and the Board is just trying to make things fair for everyone.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion of Bob Alves, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to accept the WWB minutes of April 5, 2016. Board members agreed Subcommittee minutes to be pulled off the agenda.

Harbormaster Job Posting: O & A Committee of the City Council approved the Harbormaster's job and they were requested by Chairman Gross to post the job today.

Department Reorganization: O & A Committee unanimously approved the Harbormaster Department reorganization. Steve LeBlanc spoke of coverage during vacations in the summer. Chairman Gross noted that an organization chart would be sent to the City Council. Also a split schedule for Saturdays and Sundays was discussed.

Public Hearing Vote for Wake Zone: Board members discussed the issue of extending the No Wake Zone to the breakwater, noting the many e-mails and correspondence from the public. **No Vote Taken, No Public Hearing**

Update on Dockwa: Chairman Gross has spoken to the IT Department, Treasurer's Office, Auditor's Office, Purchasing Agent and CFO Jim Destino about this program. They were very interested, but not at this time. He noted that the Board is still very interested in this, but postponed for now.

Swapping of Vessels: A lengthy discussion by all on this matter.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Phil Cusumano the Board voted unanimously to eliminate completely Article 4, Section 6, and E2 of the Mooring Regulations. **Motion passed**

St. Peter's Marina Hoist Repair: Lengthy discussion on repairing the hoist; some in favor, some not. In Jim Caulkett's opinion it should not be repaired. Don King stated if fixed some tenants will use it,

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted 3 YES (Karen Tibbetts, Phil Cusumano, Tony Gross, 5 NO (Dave McCallum, Mark Lacey, Ralph Pino, Bob Alves, Jim Bordinaro) to allocate \$6,000.00 for the repair of the hoist at St. Peter's Marina. **Motion failed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Phil Cusumano the Board voted unanimously to refer this to Public Facilities for further study. **Motion passed**

Transient Mooring Locations: Bob Alves inquired as to where the five new moorings will be placed; Jim stated Dirt Murray will be placing them in the Ten Pound Island mooring field; the work to be completed by mid-June.

National Grid Cleanup Date: Jim reported there is no definite date as yet. Work is still to be done on the seawall, gangway and floats; supposedly finished by May 25th. Via a diagram Jim noted the work in the park, walkways and driveway to be completed. Jim continued speaking of the pilings, new dinghy dock and the process to make these complete.

Harbormaster report: At the April 7th meeting held by the Special Event Advisory Committee 3 event organizers requested use of I4C2 during this upcoming summer season. Members of the Massachusetts Audubon Society were taken to Ten Pound Island for an inspection of the grounds based on concerns raised by local citizens about the possible opening of the island to visitors. A final report will be coming. A contract is being developed between Massachusetts Harbormaster Association (MHA) and Lan-Tel Communications Inc. for installation of cameras in the Harbormaster's Office, Good Harbor Beach, Dun Fudgin Boat Ramp, Magnolia Harbor and in the vicinity of both the 128 bridge and Annisquam Yacht Club. Storm damage to Magnolia Pier was repaired by Assistants Munroe and Chris Lucido with the help from Magnolia residents. Jim will provide a list of revoked moorings at the next meeting from the list the Board provided. A request has come to Jim about using the launch for a pick-up in Freshwater Cove. Jim will review it.

Sub Committee Report:

Public Facilities: The committee made several recommendations after discussion.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Mark Lacey second by Bob Alves the Board voted unanimously to approve the size increase of Mr. Lordan's boat subject to a site visit from the Harbormaster and all others on the list approved for size increases. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Mark Lacey, second by Dave McCauley the board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Lindberg's request for a size increase. The Harbormaster will inform Mr. Lindberg via letter. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Mark Lacey, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to approve Isabel Pett's mooring be moved closer in Southeast Harbor. >**Motion passed**

Discussion was the request of Ms. Caruso to move her mooring to Burton Page's mooring spot. The recommendation was to deny the request because of the size difference; Mr. O'Laughlin denied a 2nd year grace period since he had already been given a one year grace period the previous year. The Harbormaster Standard Operating Guidelines were also discussed. It was recommended that instead of informing Wait List people of an available mooring by registered letter a phone call should be made instead. Mark suggested the rules be changed to allow for phone calls to be made notifying next in line mooring applicants and the frequency of the mooring survey be included. It was recommended the language from the HM SOG be adopted into the rules and regulations.

Operations, Finance & Safety: The following transfers were made to cover retirement shortfalls:

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to transfer \$9,000 from the Retained Earnings fund to the Salaries account. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to transfer funds from the Stabilization Account to the Salaries account. >**Motion passed**

Board members discussed the alternative budget.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY2017 alternative budget. **Motion passed**

The committee reviewed the SOCs

>**Motion:** On a motion of Mark Lacey, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously to accept the SOG with changes.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds

