

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930
August 2, 2016**

Present: Anthony Gross, Ralph Pino, Dave McCauley, Liam O'Connell, Mark Lacey, Jim Bordinaro, Karen Tibbetts, Phil Cusumano, Bob Alves, Steve LaBlanc, TJ Ciarametaro, Chad Johnson

Also Present: Val Gilman Brett Ramsey, Ellen Ramsey

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

Oral Communications:

Jack Macharivy and Jonathan Denman came to the meeting to fill an Eagle Scout requirement

Ward 4 Councilor Val Gilman's ORDER to ammend the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Sec. 10-81(a) "Diver's flag"

Councilor Gilman explained that the purpose of the proposed amendment is to bring the local ordinance in alignment with the State Law. The members had some questions about how the ordinance would read if the amended language was added without deleting some of the existing language since it would be conflict with the amended language. After discussion it is the consensus of the WWB that to eliminate any confusing language it would be best if the MGL 90 B Sec.13(a) language replaced the language in the city ordinance in it's entirety.

Brett Ramsey request for transient mooring:

Mr.Ramsey inquired about getting transient moorings for his barge and push boat. He was informed that transient mooring waitlist is different from the regular waitlist with specific requirements, unfortunately this was not made clear by the previous HM and clerk. He was advised to come into the office and get on regular waitlists.

Harbormaster Report:

5 Citations were issued (speeding, no registration, illegal mooring use, illegal lobster gear storage.

HM noted that there was lots of foot traffic into the office the past month related to unresolved mooring issues. The F/V Irish Piper salvaged by the USCG after it sank in the Outer Harbor, towed it to Rose Marine and DPW broke it up and it was carted away in dumpsters.

HM reported that there were still some 600 mooring renewals to be issued, and will be done soon.

HM Facebook page is getting lots of traffic.

The continued unreliability of the internet connetion with City Hall has created a considerable handicap while trying to update data in the system,

Motion: Ralph Pino made a motion with Bob Alves second to refer to O,F&S to increase the transient mooring fee and include launch service. Voted unanimously to refer.

Motion: Ralph Pino made a motion with Bob Alves second to refer to O,F&S to increase the 10A float permit fee to \$1.00 per square foot. Voted unanimously to refer.

Motion: Ralph Pino made a motion with Jim Bordinaro second to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Gross