

MINUTES
Waterways Board
Harbormaster's Office
19 Harbor Loop
Gloucester, MA 01930
August 7, 2018

Present: Chair, Tony Gross, Harbormaster Thomas Ciarametaro (HM), Jim Bordinaro, Karen Tibbetts, Deputy Harbor Master Chad Johnson (DHM), Peter Yung and Phil Cusumano

Guests: Cate Banks, Joe Crowell and Nadine Wilk

Recording Secretary: Robin McQueen

The meeting was brought to order by Tony Gross at 6:00 pm

Oral Communications: A complaint was voiced by Andrew Hines, who resides at 36/38 Standwood Ave., regarding speeding up through the Annisquam River by boats and jet skis. He is requesting a buoy be installed at the far end of the river. He states that one third of the marsh has washed away due to the disregard of the 20 – 25 mph speed limit. Currently, \$10,000 in speeding tickets have been issued. HM Ciarametaro stated that he is aware of this issue, continues to monitor this area and issue tickets as necessary. In addition, he feels that another buoy at the far end will not accomplish anything.

Approval of June 5, 2018 Minutes: Tony Gross made the following changes in the June 5, 2018 minutes. They are as follows:

- 1) It was Peter Bent, not Joe Crowell, who addressed the board with the 2018 Schooner Fest plans.
- 2) higher freeboard system and not bigger headroom system.
- 3) spudded and not spudded.
- 4) pylings and not pilings.
- 5) Bluenose and not Blue Nose.

Phil Cusumano approved the minutes with the above corrections, Jim Bordinaro seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Vote for adoption of Remote Participation in accordance with Mass General Law, 940 CMR 29.10:

The Mayor's office has adopted this, the Chief Admin. Officer said that a board cannot adopt something the same night and would have to wait 24 hrs. It was discussed that a standard land line speaker phone should be used for board members not being able to attend WW board meeting due to disability, illness, military service or geographic issues.

Jim Bordinaro made a motion to adopt this motion, Phil Cusumano seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Election of Officers: Nominated Vice Chair candidate, Mark Lacey, accepted but absent. However, all were in favor of his nomination as it is covered under Robert's Rules.

Jim Bordinaro nominated Tony Gross for Chair and Mark Lacey as Vice Chair. All were in favor for both nominated.

Discussion of Policies on transient moorings: Wait list.

Discuss the possibility of Commercial use moorings: HM Ciarametaro stated that, years ago, the City should have adopted commercial use of mooring use prior to granting recreational use. He will research other communities and multiple options.

Discuss Hodgkin Inner mooring area no water at low tide for most of the area:

No water there and cannot issue moorings. Discontinue Hodgkins Inner through attrition.

Jim Bordinaro moved that this be on the wait list and issue no new moorings. Phil Cusumano seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Increase speeding fine to \$200.00: This matter will be referred to Operations and Finance and will be put on again for next board meeting's agenda.

Discuss no fishing of any kind within 300 ft of Blyman Canal Bridge (Will work with DMF also): Not only commercial but also recreational boats. Change ordinance. Need to work with public facilities. No fishers of any kind.

Peter Yung made a motion to refer this to Operations and Finance, Phil Cusumano seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Glass Tech transient mooring request: Nadine Wilk, of Glass Tech, addressed the board to be granted a transient mooring request to service their customers. The applicant process states that the applicant presents themselves to HM office with appropriate application, however, a few things are missing as far as fees charged, services included in the fee, expected number of days, renewal and approval, etc. This request was brought to this board for review and approval by HM Ciarametaro. He stated that this office cannot advocate this at present due to several factors; none available at present time and the fact moorings haven't been maintained for 2 decades and are in need of regriding. Nat'l Grid is working with moorings without numbers. Currently there are 175 on the wait list for Lobster Cove, 24 on mooring wait list and Inner harbor maximum 35 feet. Nadine Wilk of Glass Tech, is 7th on the wait list. This process can take decades for those on wait list. The HM recommended to the board that this request to moor at Lobster Cove can not be considered at this time due to dredging. Nadine Wilk withdrew application and was advised to work with Dockwa.

Moorings on Private Tidelands now and stern mooring requirement to maintain within property boundaries: referral to Public Facilities. Harbormaster Report:

Harbormaster role has expanded day-to-day as the City takes on more events. \$10,000 has been paid for part time HM assistance for some events such as Fiesta and Schooner Fest. Board to help address this with HM. Doesl cost \$10,000 for 3 days. Expending a great deal of money. Jim Bordinaro inquired as to how much administrative type duties, lead time. HM is requesting money allocation for City to fund the HM office efforts.

Moorings update: New program is not quite up and running yet 70 – 75% on line. Company sends out mail to pay online, get email on-line 25 – 30% pay by check. City owns all the data. This program will catch boat excise tax, has the ability to identify all boats by number, extract reports, and create a public library. Treasurer to obtain credit card availability. HM on social media, board, website and paper, 2 hour conference call a day and both systems will be maintained for one year.

Schooner Festival: Docks to go in, 1.6 million approved, loan bldg. comm, Seaport Council, one million dollar grant, Community Development. HM facility, showers, WIFI lounge, Discover Gloucester, transient boating. City received \$150,000 from DOT for use of City land for the Blyman Bridge control house. These funds are for public restrooms. Dredge project, Newburyport, Marshfield. Harriman: Steve Cecil and Susan Nielson, multiple sites. City Council has approved money. Needed positions to be filled, Asst. HMs, janitorial, and other personnel. Need infrastructure support, HM Dept. and DPW have good relations.

Discussion items that were not reasonably anticipated by the Chairperson, in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 30A, Sec. 18-25:

Adjourn: Jim Bordinaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1925 pm, Phil Cusumano seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin McQueen
Recording Secretary