

Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

October 13, 2021

Present: Joe Aberdale - Chair, Walter Baron, Frederick Felix-Vice-Chair, Martha Wilson, Kevin Coakley, Sam Peper, Edward Kane, William Barrio, David Stamatis, Will Sullivan-Harbormaster

Guests: Alfred Pickard, Robert Hussey, John Wolf

Meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm.

Venue: Zoom

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comments

Joe requested all members to respond to a notice of a meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 15, 2021, were approved unanimously on a motion made by Walter and seconded by Martha.

Marina Ice Machine

Members of the Shellfish Association approached Kevin to ask if the Committee has any interest in supporting the purchase of an ice machine, the profits of which would go into the enterprise fund. Members expressed concerns about cost, maintenance, personnel, etc. Kevin will do some research on the topic.

Harbormaster Report

Will reported on the current progress of dredging. The contractor started one week later than planned but the two dredging units are now operating.

Alfred requested that consideration be given to placing several A docks back in the water with a gangway.

A discussion regarding replacement pilings took place. Several members and guests advocated for new pilings. Joe and Alfred stated that the B through E dock sections require the placement of 60 pilings. The contractor discarded 28 pilings and saved 17 that can be used again with limited life left. The contractor will provide the labor at no cost to the town for the 28 new pilings provided by the town. If 28 new pilings and the 17 old pilings are installed, that leaves a need for 15 additional new pilings for a total of 43 new pilings. Will would like to add some new pilings, utilize some of the old pilings, and wait to replace some with a future grant. We would then go into the summer of 2022 without all of the pilings replaced.

Marina Concerns

Joe shared information regarding marina matters at the October 12, 2021, Select Board (SB) meeting. SB members will include MAC members in all future discussions regarding new shellfish grants and grant extensions.

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Scoping (Gathering information and soliciting public feedback on various topics)

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- What conflicts exist ?
- What improvements can be made?
- Identify goals...
- Etc...

Strategic Plan, Recommendations and Potential action items.

Solutions, planning, and ideas.

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Joe provided the SB with a summary of Committee concerns regarding boating safety and navigation concerns related to shellfish gear. The Shellfish Advisory Board chair was critical of the MAC and offered to provide education materials to the MAC to educate us. SB member DeVasto stated that the MAC review of complaints should be limited to marina issues and not those outside of the marina. The SB passed DeVasto's motion requiring the MAC to provide the SB with the Marina Management Plan included below. Committee members discussed the matter and all concluded that this SB request is a huge assignment outside the scope of the MAC's duties and responsibilities as volunteers; that we examine issues and advise on them. Joe provided examples of past reviews: the electric car charging stations, marina parking issues, and marina rules and regulations. The town's usual way of operating is for the department head to provide his plan to the advisory committee or board for review

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and suggestions. Committee members concluded that there is a need for the town to contract with a professional marina designer to evaluate the marina and provide design recommendations and a plan. Several members offered to research some businesses who provide such a service. Members also agreed to Joe providing a draft response to the SB on this matter to be reviewed at the next MAC meeting.

Dredging Update

Jos stated that work continues on securing the permits needed to dredge Area 2, the mooring field.

Marina Parking

Committee members accepted Joe's suggestion that this matter be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business and Future Concerns

None

The next meeting will be on November 10, 2021. A motion to adjourn was made by Walter and seconded by

Kevin. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Aberdale

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