

Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

February 9, 2022

Present: Joe Aberdale - Chair, Walter Baron, Frederick Felix-Vice-Chair, Martha Wilson, Sam Peper, David Stamatis, Will Sullivan, McKenzie Hartman

Absent: Ed Kane, Will Barrio, Kevin Coakley

Guest: Robert Hussey

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Venue: Zoom

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 12, 2022, were approved unanimously on a motion made by Walter and seconded by Frederick.

Harbormaster Report

Will reported that the inner harbor dredging is completed. Wood for the new docks was obtained from the Home Depot. A discussion was had regarding possible uses of the building housing the shellfish department and beach sticker office. The shellfish dept. pays \$5000 and the beach sticker office pays \$10,000 for rent. The septic systems need to be pumped monthly and the building needs a new roof. Sam stated that the rents paid are not recuperating the costs of operating and maintaining the building and that the building is a financial burden on the enterprise fund. David stated that the building is a valuable piece of real estate and should not be turned over to the town. Walter suggested that the actual costs of maintaining the building be determined and then have another discussion about its use.

Sam will work with Will to determine those costs.

Will stated that the fuel tank advertisements for bids will be going out soon.

Joe asked if municipal vehicles will be fueling up at the boat fuel dispensers and Will confirmed that they would be.

Marina Concerns

Joe stated the following motion passed at the August 17, 2021 Committee meeting. and asked Will if his plan was ready.

The Marina Advisory Committee recommends that the harbormaster add additional channel markers to improve safety and navigation in the harbor channel subject to approval by the Army Corps of Engineers Navigation Section, New England Division, and that additional channel boundary markers also be added in Blackfish Creek. In addition, additional buoys be placed as needed marking existing and future grants awarded. In addition, that hazard buoys be placed in harbor locations where there are rocks causing dangerous boating conditions. That the harbormaster implement this plan with assistance provided by the shellfish warden and Committee members David, Kevin and Frederick. That the offer made by Wellfleet Marine Corporation to donate some additional buoys needed be accepted. A plan to be submitted by the harbormaster by December 31, 2021, and to be implemented by May 15, 2022.

Joe asked Will if his plan was ready. Will stated that he had a recent discussion with the Coast Guard about this matter and does not have the plan ready now. Joe reminded Will that Will stated at the August 17th meeting that the Army Corps of Engineers has jurisdiction over the channel placement of buoys. Will had accepted Joe's offer to contact the Army Corps Navigation Division head regarding this matter. Joe related at a subsequent Committee meeting that the Army Corps person would approve buoy placements after Will sent him a drawing of the proposed placement of the buoys.

Dredging Update

Joe stated that the work of the Dredging Task Force continues to be on securing the permit to dredge Area 2, the mooring field. Joe stated that the work is three months behind time and that the permit may not be secured.

Marina Parking

Joe related that he received seven member responses regarding their choice of a marina parking plan. Four members favored Plan #2 and two members favored Plan #1. A lengthy discussion took place regarding parking solutions. Joe stated the need for the Committee to establish a priority of cars or trailers. Given that the state mandated only 18% of the total spaces be for trailers the Committee clearly favored that a large

priority be for cars. A discussion took place regarding the number of spaces that should be allocated for cars in addition to the fifty-eight spaces reserved for trailers. The final conclusion was that 168 spaces should be allocated for cars and 58 spaces for trailers, a ratio of 74% to 26%. This results in a total of 226 spaces for boaters and 98 spaces for public parking, a ratio of 70% to 30%. It was agreed that no plan for gating the parking area or requiring payment be recommended for this summer. A discussion took place regarding various possible parking enforcement methods. Joe related that he spoke with the police chief regarding the police helping with parking enforcement. The chief stated that he was open to consideration of that and would know more in the spring when he knows how many summer help people he will have. Joe offered and it was agreed upon that he would present a final diagram and a draft of the Committee recommendations at the next meeting.

Marina Management Plan

A discussion took place regarding the revised request from the Select Board for a marina management plan. Joe expressed the need for needs assessment categories to be completed as a starting off point for the plan. The Committee and Will agreed to submit each of their assessments to Joe one week before the next meeting so that the different needs can be compiled for the next meeting.

New Business and Future Concerns

Several members stated that the MAC meetings are never posted in the "Upcoming Meetings" section on the town website nor in the local newspaper. Joe will talk with Rebekah Eldridge regarding that issue.

The next meeting will be on March 22, 2022, at 7:00pm via Zoom.

A motion to adjourn was made by Walter and seconded by Martha. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Aberdale

