

Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

November 16, 2022

Present: Joe Aberdale - Chair, Martha Wilson, Edward Kane, David Stamatis-Vice-Chair, Kevin Coakley, Doug Straus, John Wolf, Will Sullivan, Frederick Felix, Will Barrio, James Gray
Guests: Bob Cocivera, Christine Legere

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.
Venue: Zoom

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment

Joe welcomed James Gray to the Committee

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 26, 2022 were reviewed. Doug provided a correction. The slip fee he paid was \$1600. The minutes, as amended, were approved unanimously on a motion made by Kevin and seconded by David.

Harbormaster Report

Will expressed his thanks to the volunteers who assisted with the Oysterfest parking at the marina. The marina took in \$23,500.

Almost all of the boats are out of the water and docks and gangways are being removed. New docks are being built.

The fuel tank replacement contractor is Dependable Petroleum. Work will be done this winter with a completion date of May 15, 2023 which is the marina opening date.

Dredging Update

Will stated that the town is still waiting for a meeting to be set up with the Army Corps of Engineers and aides to the congressional delegation.

Marina Parking

A review of the parking diagram took place and David presented his thoughts about the middle section parking by the bandstand. Joe offered that when the section is resolved we should be in a position to finalize a parking plan. It was agreed upon that David, Kevin, Frederick, Joe and Will will meet soon at the marina to develop a recommendation to bring to the Committee at the next meeting. Parking enforcement was discussed and Will stated that he does not think his staff can perform enforcement.

Marina Concerns

David raised the issue of the hurricane ladders at the L Pier. Will stated that he reset the bolts on some and rebuilt others. Will will try to get an engineering study to rebuild that area.

Ed has received inquiries from boaters about expanding the boating season later into the season. Joe has received comments as well and stated that all of the marinas from Provincetown to Harwich end their seasons either November first or November fifteenth. Will stated that he would be opposed to extending the season.

Joe referred to the last meeting regarding hazardous rock buoys when Will was going to discuss it with the Coast Guard. Will stated that boaters should rely on the charts for hazardous areas. Joe shared his conversation with the federal administrator who stated that not all of the harbor hazardous areas are on the charts and that the last federal survey of the harbor was done in 1933. She will be making a request to prioritize a new survey.

Joe raised the issue of boater leases that was discussed at the last meeting when Will stated he would get a legal opinion regarding the need for all boaters to sign one. Will stated that he will be using the “e-signature” process when the leases are sent out.

Review of Draft Letter Regarding MAC Marina Issues

Joe asked members what they would like to do with this draft. There were no comments so it will be tabled for now. David expressed his frustration with members raising many issues that went into the Marina Issues Draft Letter but now members are silent. He questioned why we are meeting as a committee if we are going to be passive and not act.

Marina Management Plan - Select Board Motion

Joe quoted from the select board motion stating that they are requiring the harbormaster and the Committee each to write their own draft plans independently and then meet to discuss them. An attempt would then be made to see if one final plan could be agreed upon.

New Business and Future Concerns

Frederick raised the issue of the Committee being involved in all decisions regarding new grants and grant extensions. The Committee requested a moratorium on grant extension matters in the Committee meeting with the shellfish warden last spring. John and Will will ensure that the Committee is provided information and notified regarding these matters as they come up.

Doug expressed the need for the Committee to have all of the information regarding the marina's finances and budget. Joe stated that Sam Peper told him that he completed working with the town accountant and that the final step in the process is for a Committee member to get information from Will. Doug offered to work on that project and Will stated that he would work with Doug and they will report back to the Committee. Joe will have Sam Peper talk to Doug.

Ed raised the issue of the public's ability to communicate directly with the Committee. Presently, the email address for the Committee goes to the harbormaster. Joe confirmed that the Committee never receives those emails. Joe checked and learned that the Shellfish Advisory Board has their own email address on the town's website

with all emails going directly to the Board chair and shellfish warden. Discussion ensued with a consensus that the Committee should have its own email address. Ed made the following motion: *The Committee Chair be directed to request the town administrator to provide the Marina Advisory Committee with the Committee's own website email address with all emails directed to the Committee Chair.* Motion was seconded by Frederick. Discussion was had on the motion. Motion was passed by all members except Kevin who was just disconnected from the meeting because of a computer problem.

The next meeting will be on December 14, 2022, at 7:00pm via Zoom.
A motion to adjourn was made by Martha and seconded by Frederick. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Aberdale