

# Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

March 22, 2022

Present: Joe Aberdale - Chair, Frederick Felix-Vice-Chair, Martha Wilson, Kevin Coakley, Edward Kane, David Stamatis, Walter Baron. Guests: Doug Strauss  
Absent: Sam Peper, Will Barrio

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Venue: Zoom

## **Announcements, Open Session and Public Comments**

Walter announced that the Wellfleet Rowing event will be held at Mayo Beach on September 17, 2022.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of February 9, 2022, were approved unanimously on a motion made by Kevin and seconded by Walter.

## **Harbormaster Report**

Will reported that the DPW is assisting with the launching of the docks.

The sending of the slip and mooring leases has been delayed because of the town's financial problems. The leases, paid in full, will be due on May 1, 2022.

## **Marina Concerns**

Update on fuel tanks. Will stated that the plan is on hold because of the town's financial situation.

Walter asked if marina staff will be building the new docks that are needed. Will stated that they may be built if time allows.

## **Dredging Update**

Joe stated that efforts are continuing to secure the permit to dredge Area 2 from the Army Corps of Engineers. Will stated that the town is in discussions with the Army Corps to meet their mitigation requirements by considering a land swap.

## **Marina Parking**

As was requested at the last meeting, Joe distributed copies of the plan he drew representing the marina parking plan that members developed. A discussion ensued and it was agreed upon that any plan could only work if the town developed off site parking. Kevin suggested a MAC meeting at the marina to have a further discussion about a parking plan. Joe will set up a site meeting when the town restriction on in-person meetings is removed.

It is anticipated that there will be an increase of activity at the launching ramp this summer with the inner harbor now dredged. Several members expressed the need for

staff to be assigned to supervise activity at the launch ramp. Several members also expressed the need for a sign at the top of the ramp, "Right Turn Only." Will stated that he would have a sign there this summer.

### **Marina Management Plan**

The need to start this process with a marina needs assessment was agreed upon at the last meeting and it was approved that Committee members and the harbormaster would submit their needs assessments to the chair who would compile them. Joe received assessments from four Committee members and distributed the compilation for discussion.

Martha stated the need for having the marina rest rooms open later to accommodate people. Will stated that the rest rooms remain open until evening staff leave for the night. The actual time staff leave is dependent on the day and staff availability. A discussion ensued about the need to leave the rest rooms open all night. The following motion was made by Martha and seconded by Frederick. *The MAC recommends that the marina rest rooms remain open all night during the boating season with the rooms being closed earlier, if necessary, at the discretion of the harbormaster.* The motion passed unanimously. *Will agreed to the motion.*

Martha expressed the need for marina staff to be required to monitor activity at the fuel and visitor docks for rules compliance.

Joe and David expressed the need for placement of signs at the top of the dock ramps such as *Boat Owners and Guests Only*. They spoke about frequent violations with concern about serious injury and liability for the town. Frederick stated the need for a sign that would prohibit fishing at the docks.

### **New Business and Future Concerns**

None

The next meeting will be on April 27, 2022.

Document included: Marina parking diagram.

A motion to adjourn was made by Frederick and seconded by Martha. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Aberdale