

Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

August 31, 2022

Present: Joe Aberdale - Chair, Martha Wilson, David Stamatis-Vice Chair, Edward Kane, Kevin Coakley, Douglas Straus, John Wolf
Absent: Frederick Felix, Will Barrio, William Sullivan
Guest: Robert Hussey
Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.
Venue: Zoom

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 3, 2022, were approved unanimously on a motion made by David and seconded by Martha.

Harbormaster Report

The harbormaster was not present.

Marina Concerns

David expressed his concern, once again, about the poor condition of the fuel dock. The fire hose, acting as the dock bumper, has fallen off in several places with rusted nails protruding from the dock. David's boat hull has several deep scratches because of the dock's condition.

Kevin stated that there are several dock fresh water valve leaks and water is gushing from the water valve at the public dock.

Additional concerns expressed by various members include:

Dock cleats not being bolted securely at some docks.

Safety hazards regarding nails protruding up in the wood dock flooring and dock wood flooring curling up.

The concrete docks are in extremely poor condition presenting safety and liability issues.

The condition of the L Pier is worsening with a hole in the plywood on the pier.

The dinghy dock at Indian Neck is in poor condition.

Members expressed frustration at the lack of work being done on the above stated marina conditions.

Kevin suggested that a letter be sent from the Committee to the harbormaster, copied to the town administrator, listing these concerns and requesting responses from the harbormaster.

Martha made the following motion: *The Committee directs the Committee Chair to compose a draft of the aforementioned proposed letter expressing*

Committee members serious marina concerns and requesting a response to these issues from the harbormaster. The draft letter shall be reviewed and approved at the next Committee meeting. The approved letter shall be sent to the harbormaster and copied to the town administrator with a request that both people attend a Committee meeting as soon as possible to discuss these issues. Motion was seconded by Kevin. Unanimous approval.

Slip and Mooring Procedure Issues - Notifications, Deferrals, Seasonal Transient Slip Policy and Fees

Doug requested that this item be placed on the agenda.

Doug related his recent conversation with the harbormaster where he expressed his concern, frustration and lack of transparency about several marina policies and lack thereof with so many unknowns.

How does the slip waiting list work? The list on the marina website has information from 2020 with no dates.

Transient slip fee policy? Resident vs. non-resident fee policy? In past years Doug has paid as a resident for a transient slip. This summer he was required to make payment as a non-resident at a fee increase of \$600.

Ed and other boaters have never signed a lease nor been required to provide proof of boat insurance in violation of the Marina Rules and Regulations presenting serious liability issues for the town. Doug has submitted proof of insurance but has not been required to sign a lease.

Dredging Update

The Harbormaster was not present.

New Business and Future Concerns

None

The next meeting will be on September 19, 2022, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Aberdale