

# Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

## September 26, 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  
Guests: Bob Cocivera, Cindy Cocivera, Rob Leary

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Venue: Zoom

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

Frederick expressed his desire to have in person meetings but said he would be supportive of the present plan for virtual meetings.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of August 31, 2022, were reviewed. Doug provided a correction. The slip fee he paid was \$1600 and he did provide proof of insurance. The minutes, as amended, were approved unanimously on a motion made by Kevin and seconded by David.

### **Harbormaster Report**

Will reported that some of the wood to replace the concrete docks has been delivered.

The Oysterfest parking fee will be \$25 and volunteer help is needed.

The reservation software is being worked on.

The marina website has been updated.

### **Harbor Channel Buoy Placement - Harbormaster**

The Coast Guard has approved the correct location of the harbor buoys for placement.

At the Committee's request, Will will review with the Coast Guard the locations for all hazardous buoy placements, including Middle Meadow on Great Island and at Billingsgate Island. Will stated, "There are 1000 rocks at Middle Meadow."

### **Dredging Update**

Dredging will not be done starting October First because the town does not have a permit secured. Will stated that "it is back to the drawing board." The plan is to use political power to deal with the demands for mitigation.

### **Marina Concerns**

None

### **Review of Draft Letter Regarding Marina Issues**

1. The old fire hose has been nailed back in. One cleat is missing and one needs to be secured. There is a need to mount a ladder on the fuel dock in case someone falls overboard.
2. David has found Scott and Dave to be helpful with pumping fuel.

3. Some of the docks need work on them.
4. Same as the draft
5. Frederick stated that the water is constantly running on all of the outer docks which are very slippery with moss growing on them creating a safety hazard.
6. Kevin addressed this issue.
7. Doug stated that the dock at Indian Neck is in terrible condition and presents safety issues. Nails are sticking up, bolts are hanging off and the dock cannot provide the service that it's supposed to provide.
8. Previously addressed in these minutes.
9. Doug addressed the need for the waiting lists to be updated and maintained with transparency. Will stated that all transients will pay the non-resident fee. The deferral policy is one year for slips and moorings. It was brought up that not all boaters sign a lease. Will acknowledged that and stated that his policy is that by submitting a payment boaters agree to the terms of the lease. Members stated that this could be a serious liability problem for the town and recommended that Will get a legal ruling on this matter. It was suggested that Will utilize the e-sign process that is widely used to have everybody sign leases. Will stated that he would incorporate that method. Most boaters pay by check to avoid paying the 3% surcharge on dock fees and fuel payments.

Regarding the dock water leakage issue, John Wolf recommended that double clamps be used on all hose fittings. John also recommended that bronze parts be used instead of plastic parts which crack.

Joe asked members how they would like to proceed with this draft and there were no suggestions. Joe suggested that members send to him their version of the final draft and he will prepare them for the next meeting.

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

Frederick requested that the Committee address the marina parking issue soon. Joe will send to everyone the parking plan that the Committee worked on and approved except for the layout of the center section down to the bandstand. A Committee meeting will be scheduled at the marina to examine various options.

The next meeting will be on October 26, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Aberdale

