

Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

July 26, 2023

Present: Joe Aberdale-Chair, David Stamatis-Vice-Chair, Douglas Straus, James Gray, Will Barrio, Edward Kane, Brittany Tilton
Absent: Frederick Felix, Martha Wilson, James Gray, Will Sullivan

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.
Venue: Zoom

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 28, 2023, were approved unanimously on a motion made by Edward and seconded by Douglas.

Harbormaster Report

Will stated that he received permission from the Coast Guard to place paiton buoys (town owned) in the channel and new buoys have been ordered.

The docks were placed at Indian Neck.

Will stated that he took care of Edward's concern about boat bows protruding out onto the docks and said that he would develop a policy regarding this matter.

Will stated that they have been getting boaters into the right places and more people on the slip waiting list have been given slips.

Staff are doing dock walks four times each day.

Marina Concerns

Discussion took place regarding the Committee motion that was passed regarding the extension of the marina and fuel dock hours. Will stated that he looked into the finances of the fuel dock, staff hours and the amount of money made on fuel in the past during extended hours and that amount was low. Lack of staff is a problem.

Doug raised the issues of the rules and regulations regarding the Indian Neck Floats and the maintenance of the harbormaster's office and rest

rooms. Doug said the floats have a rub rail sticking out on one side and metal on the other side. He stated that the people using the docks, himself included, are getting older and it's a real challenge dragging the dinghies on the beach. Now the policy is only drop off and pick up and not tying up. Doug requested a discussion with Will and Brittany regarding this matter. Will stated that there is money available for maintenance and that they repaint the building trim every other year. Will stated that the Indian Neck docks do need repair.

David spoke about the green buoy channel marker going toward Shirttail Point being out of place with it presently putting boaters in shallow water especially at a lower tide. Will said he would check it out.

Will stated that the fuel company will return to relocate the fuel hoses and to change the power level on the reels.

Dredging Update

Will stated that the Selectboard has approved a mitigation plan and that there has been some in-house battles among the Selectboard and he has been told to continue to move forward with the plan. There is a month left to finalize the contract with the dredging company. Joe stated that the town is required to have a dredging contract in place by August 23rd in order to receive the state grant of \$2.5 million. There are some additional concerns that the Selectboard has that have to be reviewed by town counsel.

The next meeting will be on August 30, 2023, at 7:00pm via Zoom.

A motion to adjourn was made by Will Barrio and seconded by David.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Aberdale

