Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

January 12, 2022

Present: Joe Aberdale - Chair, Frederick Felix-Vice-Chair, Martha Wilson, Kevin Coakley, Sam Peper, Edward Kane, David Stamatis, Will Barrio, Walter Baron. Guests: McKenzie Hartman, John Wolf, Nancy Civetta, Michael DeVasto

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
Venue: Zoom

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comments
None

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of December 8, 2021, were approved unanimously on a motion made by Frederick and seconded by Kevin.

Harbormaster Report
The harbormaster was not present to provide a report.

Select Board Marina Motion Clarification
Select Board member Michael DeVasto presented his clarification of his motion passed by the Select Board (SB). Michael stated that the SB is not looking for a comprehensive marina master plan but a brief management plan, “a basic assessment of where the marina is at. A basic documentation of what this board is charged to do and what the Marina Advisory Committee (MAC) would like to see happen in the future.” The plan should be similar to those of the Shellfish Advisory Board and Natural Resources Advisory Board. Recommendations need to be made for management of the marina, including conditions of the marina, dockage, parking, signage, adding additional slips and fees. Problems need to be identified with solutions recommended. Michael stated, “We are looking for a basic management plan. The plan does not have to be super in depth, it’s up to you. The length, quality and depth of the work you do is up to you.”

Michael wants the harbormaster to develop a needs and problems assessment addressing the aforementioned issues and discuss it with the MAC members after they have developed their version of the same type of assessment. Management and problem issues and conditions need to be discussed by the harbormaster and members of the MAC. Finally, a strategic plan needs to be developed indicating how the goals, future improvements and remedies to correct problems can be accomplished.

Joe questioned Michael regarding his statement at the SB meeting that the MAC’s work should be limited to just actual marina issues and nothing else. Frederick stated that the MAC’s purview and mission has always been to address and advise on any and all
harbor boater issues. Joe stated that, per the MAC’s charge, the MAC has always heard boater concerns and complaints and has offered recommendations. Michael stated that he now agrees with the MAC continuing to perform the aforementioned MAC mission addressing all boater issues in the harbor and reported to the harbormaster.

**Marina Concerns**

At Walter’s request, Joe related marina fuel tank information from the last SB meeting. The harbormaster presented that the fuel tank installation will be completed by May 1, 2022. Joe asked if the new fuel station will be providing fuel for all town vehicles. John stated that his understanding is that it will. Sam asked if the marina enterprise fund will be reimbursed for the cost of municipal vehicle fuel and John stated that it would be reimbursed.

Frederick and Nancy provided information on the new pamphlet, A Boater's Guide to Shellfish Farming Gear in Wellfleet Harbor. Nancy requested that the MAC support her request for the town to place the pamphlet in the town’s spring tax bill envelope. Martha made a motion, seconded by Frederick, to support Nancy’s request for placement of the pamphlet in with the town’s tax bill mailing. Motion passed unanimously seven to zero.

David expressed concern about the accurate placement of the replacement pilings. Walter stated that the outboard pilings are not straight.

Ed questioned if four buoys are enough to mark a shellfish farm. Nancy stated that the minimum of four buoys is required. Some farms have extensions and there will be six to eight buoys marking them. Nancy stated that the buoys are round and people are required to have their grant numbers on them. Most of the buoys are green or yellow.

**Dredging Update**

Joe related that now that the inner harbor, Area 1 is dredged, the challenge is to secure the permit and funding to dredge Area 2, the entire mooring field. The work of the Dredging Task Force goes on working with the harbormaster, engineer, assistant town administrator, state and federal agencies and our lobbyist.

**Marina Parking**

Joe referred to the diagram of the entire marina parking area he made and emailed to members. Joe presented two plans for discussion. An extensive discussion took place and several ideas were offered. It was agreed upon that members would send their parking plan preferences to Joe who would consolidate them and present them at the next meeting.

**New Business and Future Concerns**

None

The next meeting will be on February 9, 2022.
Document included: Marina parking diagram.
A motion to adjourn was made by Walter and seconded by Kevin. Motion pass unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Aberdale