



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2011

Chairman:
John Meade

Committee Members:
Michael Hersey
Frederick Komenda
Steven Swain
Joseph Duffy

Council Liaison:
Frederick Chirigotis

In Attendance:

Members: John Meade, Frederick Komenda, Steven Swain

Staff: Eric Shufelt – Marina Manager, Joe Gibbs - Mooring Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman John Meade called the meeting to order at 7pm.

II. MINUTES:

Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes of March 22, 2011.

III. NOTICES OF INTENT (NOI):

None.

IV. MOORING APPEALS:

Brian Golden – Scudder Lane. Appeal approved with back fees and late fee.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance/Regulations updates/discussion

Future discussions proposed within budget restraints:

*seasonal rental moorings and wait lists.

*rezoning the mooring fields/breaking down wait list areas to better manage tracking and filling from the lists.

*wait list process- shrinking the time frame to renew.

*on top 20 wait list applicants from each list “Do you want a mooring this year?”

The committee discussed requiring each waiting list applicant to annually indicate on their mooring wait list renewal form whether or not they would be able to comply if offered a mooring, if so indicate size (loa) and draft.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Mooring Waiting List Lottery Procedures

Joe Gibbs presented the Committee with procedures and draft for the upcoming Centerville River, Cotuit Bay Shores, East Bay and North Bay mooring waitlist lottery.

Commercial Fisherman Moorings – Gary Ostrom

Mr. Ostrom is looking for a way to fish out of the south side this year and possibly years to come. He is a lifetime fisherman, this is his livelihood. He docks his boat in a slip in Sandwich. The lobster fishery on the north side has become unprofitable due to costs of bait, gear, etc. The sea bass, scup and conch fishery could keep him in business. He is not on a mooring waitlist so he is unable to rent a mooring.

Joe Gibbs offered a suggestion that since the boat yards rent transient moorings for up to three weeks, perhaps there could be an extension for commercial fishermen only.

After discussion, it was advised that Mr. Ostrom acquire a proposal from either/both boat yards pertaining to extending the three week time limit for transient mooring – used for commercial purposes only – and present it to the harbormasters office for consideration of accommodating him.

Commercial Mooring – Cape Marine Contracting – tabled for notification.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

VIII. HARBORMASTER REPORT:

Marina and Barnstable Harbor Marina Construction Update.

Eric Shufelt reported that in the next couple of years, the marina enterprise account will have some big expenses forthcoming. To help with the Barnstable Harbor bulkhead project, the marina program took out a \$500k bond/\$30k to \$40k per year which will be paid by slip fees from all Town marinas. In addition, the entire basin needs to be dredged in Barnstable Harbor. With the upcoming budget, he is hoping to be approved for \$90k to pay for permitting and survey work for the dredging project which may cost \$1mil. In addition to that, work will need to be done in 3-5 years on the west side. At the Marina at Prince Cove, \$20k has been approved for bulkhead work from the capital account. There are slight dredging issues at Gateway Marina. The revenues that pay for this come from slip fees and parking fees from all of the marinas. He would like to have future discussions about how best to utilize the marinas, slip fees, parking fees. A parking schematic for Barnstable Harbor was presented and explained to the Committee.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary McGaughey
Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting:
July 26, 2011 @ 7pm
Town Hall – Selectman's Conference Room