

Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes August 26, 2025

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee was held via Zoom as approved by the Town Manager with the Committee's approval.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairman Paul Everson. The quorum was confirmed, and Paul Everson read the following notice at the beginning of the meeting. NOTICE OF RECORDING "Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on Town of Barnstable's Government Access Channel and Website, and in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s. 20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known.

Roll Call:

Board Members present:

Paul Everson, Chairman
Jacob Angelo
Gregory Egan

Town Staff Present:

Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster (DHM)
Polina Plucinski, MEA Administrative Assistant

Public:

Daniel Ojala, Paul Neary, William Clark.

II. Act on Minutes/Notes:

Paul Everson entertained a motion to accept the minutes from July 22th, 2025, as written. Jacob Angelo made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Gregory Egan— second. All in favor.

III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

1. Applicant: The Sandy Neck Lighthouse Trust. Kenneth G. Morton, Trustee

Project Location: 373 Sandy Neck Road, Barnstable, MA 02668 (map 338, parcel 001).

Representative: Daniel Ojala, Down Cape Engineering, Inc.

Proposed Project: Reconstruct licensed wood groins. Groin repairs/re-construction to include adding/replacing piles, replacing horizontal boards with vertical tongue and groove sheathing.

Conservation Hearing: 08/12/2025 3:00PM via Zoom.

Mr. Ojala from Down Cape Engineering, Inc. spoke on behalf of the applicant – Kenneth Morton. Several years ago, the applicant received approval to rebuild the groins, but due to funding and timing issues, the work was delayed. Now, applicants are seeking to renew original permits.

The groins are in the exact same footprint as before—primarily functioning as old-style sand catchers. Littoral drift moves west to east, causing sand buildup on the west side and erosion on the east. A permitted bulkhead was previously restored, but the groins were not. Applicants are planning an in-kind replacement using updated materials and slightly raising the tops so they're visible at high tide, which improves safety without extending further seaward.

Mr. Ojala reported that the Conservation has responded positively. The applicants will comply with seasonal restrictions for horseshoe crabs and piping plovers. Further, the plan has been well received, and everything is in good shape moving forward.

Paul J. Everson – entertained a motion to accept as proposed.

Gregory Egan – so moved.

Jacob Angelo – second

All in favor.

2. Applicant: 48 Starboard LLC.

Project Location: 48 Starboard Lane, Osterville, MA 02665 (map 185, parcel 001).

Representative: John O'Dea, Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

Proposed Project: To replace existing pier and boathouse with proposed addition of a ramp and float.

Conservation Hearing: 08/02/2025 6:30PM via Zoom.

The Waterways Committee members decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting which will be held on September 23rd, 2025 due to applicant's absence.

All in favor.

IV. MOORING APPEALS: None

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Deputy Harbormaster Horn spoke about the coming mooring renewal season, mooring waitlist, and mooring offerings. The division is still collecting data on how many people stay on the waitlist and pass on the mooring offerings. The work on that issue will start this renewal season and will be revisited next year. Deputy Harbormaster Horn also talked about potentially changing the dates for the renewal season.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request to develop a new scallop propagation area in Hyannis Port – Town of Barnstable Natural Resource Division.

Proposed 75 ft long propagation area for growing scallops. The Area will be located outside of the mooring field. Scallops will take two years to mature and will be used for recreational use only. Shellfish Division is looking for any concerns from the Waterways Committee. Deputy Harbormaster Horn has no opposition to this project.

Waterways Committee members expressed their concerns regarding the weather conditions for the scallops' survival and the heavy boat traffic that could possibly damage the project structure.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE: *None*

IX. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Deputy Harbormaster Horn spoke about water safety. The division increased patrols in Hyannis and through other areas this year - from 8:30 am to 10:30 pm.

X. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR: *None*

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairmen Paul J. Everson entertains a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm.

Gregory Egan – so moved.
Jacob Angelo – second.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Polina Plucinski
MEA Administrative Assistant
Town of Barnstable