

Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes September 23, 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 7:05 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
Gary Shramek
Todd Walantis

Town Staff Present:

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

Public:

John O'Dea, Conner H., Sue Murray, MaryAnne Burke, Debbie Wasil, Connor Holt, Ragusa Polly, Ragusa Paul, Kai Matthes, John Costigan, Jeff Kadesh, Tyler Hagenstein, Moose Noury, DJ.

II. Act on Minutes/Notes:

Paul Everson entertained a motion to accept the minutes from August 26th, 2025, as written. Gregory Egan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jacob Angelo–second. All in favor.

III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

1. Applicant: 48 Starboard LLC.

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

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.

Proposing to reconstruct the old structure and its footprint and proposing to attach ramp and float. Revised plans show that the ramp has been extended paralleled to the shore. At low tide there is about 2 ft. of water underneath the float. This is a non-motorized dock.

Deputy Harbormaster Horn stated that the Harbormaster Division does not have any navigational concerns at this time.

Paul Everson entertained a motion to approve revised plans as presented.

Jacob Angelo – so moved.

Greg Egan – second.

All in favor.

2. Applicant: Steven & Wendy D’Angelo – continued from 07/22/2025 Applicant requested to move this matter to October meeting due to representative being away this month.

Project Location: 108 Long Beach Rd, Centerville, MA 02632 (map 206, parcel 005)

Representative: Daniel Ojala, Down Cape Engineering, Inc.

Proposed Project: Proposed fixed pier, ramp and floats

Conservation Hearing: 07/08/2025 6:30PM via Zoom

Committee Members are in favor to move this matter to the October meeting.

IV. MOORING APPEALS:

1. RP/130 – Change of Vessel request denied due to vessel exceeding guidelines for LOA (up to 40 ft.).

Applicant: Sue Murray – 44.8 ft sailboat.

Mooring officer Horn stated that Mrs. Murray got her mooring RP/130 through a mooring transfer from her brother. All paperwork was in compliance with

Town of Barnstable rules and regulations. Sue Murray spoke on the matter and made her case. Mrs. Murray also stated that they are planning to enjoy the boat as much as possible during the warmer month.

Paul Everson - entertained a motion to approve the vessel on the mooring RP/130.

Jacob Angelo - so moved

Gary Shramek - second

All in favor

V. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Marina fee proposal (phase 2) – Harbormaster Taylor.

Harbormaster Taylor spoke about proposed fee changes for 2026. The subject of increasing the fees was discussed multiple times at the Waterways Committee meeting and was brought up in multiple town meetings as well. It was also discussed in-person with the slip holders. The phased approach was implemented – over the course of 3 years increasing the fees (Specifically in Barnstable Harbor and Gateway). Harbormaster Taylor presented \$5 increase per foot in-season and off-season. Additionally, an increase of \$0.25 per foot per day for transient dockage (from \$3.25 to \$3.50). The details of justification were presented at the meeting as well. Harbormaster Taylor talked about increased marina debt for the upcoming year (will increase approx. \$300,000 with projected capital improvement costs).

Jacob Angelo – motion to continue support the Harbormaster’s Marina Fee proposal.

Gary Shramek – second.

All in favor.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Recommendation on implementing surveillance to aid in monitoring in Hyannis Harbor – Moose Noury and Kai Matthes.

Mr. Matthes and Mr. Noury spoke about the dangers the boat traffic brings to the residents who live near Hyannis Harbor (Lewis Bay area – waterfront properties). Mr. Matthes also spoke about safety of the children as well. Additionally, it was noted that with the help of the Harbormasters Division, the residents have accomplished much better compliance with the NO-WAKE speed with the larger commercial ferries. However, there is still a significant amount of

commercial and private boats the go above NO-WAKE speed. Mr. Matthes is asking the Harbormasters Division to install a monitoring system that monitors the speeds, takes pictures, then issues a fine.

Harbormaster Taylor spoke about this “bottleneck” location. He once more highlighted busy nature of the location (2 ferry terminals, 75 commercial boats, and private vessels). He further spoke about the meeting the Harbormasters Division had with the ferry captains and residents of the area. Mr. Taylor also mentioned tools that the Division is working with to track the speed of the vessels.

Multiple members of the Waterways Committee spoke regarding this matter as well. Different views were presented and discussed by the public and committee.

Chairman Everson encourages the harbormaster and the police department to continue enforcement efforts. At this time, the Harbormaster division is not interested in aid for monitoring speed.

2. Request to modify current Barnstable Harbor regulations to allow for commercial slips – Jeff Kadesh / Aquarius Sportfishing.

Mr. Kadesh spoke about modifying current Barnstable Harbor regulations relevant to the designation of commercial slips.

Harbormaster Taylor spoke on potentially looking into state’s approval for another waitlist for commercial vessel within an existing waitlist location.

3. Concerns regarding the vessels passing by the private property – Debbie Wasil.

Mrs. Wasil was not present at the Waterways Committee meeting.

IX. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Deputy Harbormaster Horn presented a monthly report.

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 8:43 pm.

Gregory Egan – so moved.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Polina Plucinski
MEA Administrative Assistant
Town of Barnstable