

Waterways Commission Meeting
Thursday, July 14, 2016
7:15 pm
Scituate Maritime Center

In Board Members in attendance: Mike Gibbons, Fran McMillen, Brain Cronin, Keith Walo, Michael Lorusso, Dave Glancy, Peter Toppin, Bob McHugh, Stephen Mone

I. Call Meeting to Order- Cronin Thursday, July 14, 2016, 7:15

*Mention of thanks to Brad White for Elmer Pooler memorial sail.

II. Acceptance of Agenda- Cronin

First

Second

Passed – Unanimously

III. Acceptance of May minutes- Cronin

First

Second

Passed - Unanimously

V. New Business

A. Next meeting date- Cronin

August 3, 2016, 7:15 pm @ SMP

First

Second

Passed-Unanimously

B. Schooner America- Scituate Harbor Visit- Bill Schmid

July 22, 2016 Schooner America arrives at Scituate Harbor, estimated time is noon. Tours, cocktail party, historical speech, and sail will be available to the public. Proceeds will be for Jr Sailing Program, and the High School Sailing program.

Security will be provided by Coast Guard, Scituate Police, and Scituate Harbormaster. North side of Town Pier will stay open for fishermen. The Town Pier will be blocked off during the stay of Schooner America.

Parking and a Shuttle bus will provide transportation from the MBTA parking lot to the town for the event.

July 23, Schooner America will depart from Scituate, around 1pm on Sat.

C. Harbor and Marina Status –Harbormaster Mone

On the July 4th weekend, at the CMP (Cole Parkway Marina), there was an electrical failure, and the electrical system was shut down. The electrical system shut down occurred, due to weather damage of the electrical cables over the years. Harbormaster personally called all CPM patrons who were effect of the shutdown. Keys Electric was contacted immediately and was able to restore CMP to full electrical function.

Lock Boxes have been installed, at both SMP (Scituate Marine Park) and CMP for immediate availability to the SFD to shut off power to marina.

Piling Grant, is currently in progress has been passed over, due to not having match funding. Currently there is \$50,000 in funding; approval at a town meeting is needed for additional funding.

D. SMC Kayak storage and fee schedule – Stephen Mone

Under the Scituate Maritime Center, there are kayak racks not being used. There have been a few phone calls from residents if there are kayak slips or storage available. The accessibility of the kayak storage area was raised as a concern. The kayak storage area has height restrictions; the ceiling is low. An average person would have to bend over to access the storage area. The Kayaker would have to travel over some large and small rocks to access the dirt road to the harbor.

Other concerns raised were, the kayak storage area floods at least 6 times a year. What would the insurance cost be? What would the fee be? A draft of a waiver would be needed to insure the town would not be responsible.

The entrance to the dirt road that would be used by the kayakers, and are currently being used by people who are trying to launch their dinghy is always blocked. A “NO PARKING” should be placed in the parking lot at SMP, so kayakers and dinghies could be launched easily.

Tabled for future discussion, for next year.

E. Mooring Wait list- Citizen Appeal, review at request of BOS-Cronin- Citizen Gail Meehan was removed from the Mooring Waitlist, due to lack or signature or sending email confirming to remain on wait list. Citizen, Ms. Meehan stated there is nowhere in the Rules & Regulations that you must sign the mooring wait list application. Ms. Meehan came in during the allotted period of time to confirming her name to stay on the wait list, and was told by unidentified harbormaster staff member she was all set with the wait list. Later in the year, during a phone call to the harbormaster’s office citizen Ms. Meehan found out she was no longer on the list. The

Waterways' Commission was asked vote and advise the BOS on whether Citizen Ms. Meehan reinstate on the mooring wait list, on the applications anniversary date.

Waterway's Commission vote: 3 Yes, 2 No

Abstained: Keith Walo, Stephen Mone

Passed

F. Mooring Regulations- Mone/Cronin

Working Group recommendations covering a small section of the first three pages, of the Rules & Regulations.

Recommendations: \$5 yearly administration fee, to remain on Mooring Waitlist between May 15th and Sept 15th.

Harbormaster's office will send out a reminder email in the month of June to all applicants.

Between Sept 16th and Sept 30th the Harbormaster's office will send out a Reminders by email or preferred method of contact.

Applicants have till October 31st to pay a \$50 late fee to be reinstated.

Two offers of refusal, before being dropped from the mooring waitlist
Period of 10 days to accept or refuse a mooring

Change will be made to remove the parenthesis for the commercial fishing vessel. Cronin proposed change to the friendly amendment.

First

Second

Passed-Unanimously

Recommendation will be submitted to the BoS.

G. Harbormaster Tow Policy- Cronin/Mone

There is no Tow policy in effect now. Harbormaster Mone would like adopt a tow policy. A copy of NASBLA was presented which, covers tow policies. Keith Walo, will check with other towns about their tow policies.

Tow policy will be added to next agenda.

Commission member Michael Gibbons will schedule and post next Working Group meeting. Last sentence section B9, is the starting point for the next recommendations to be made from the Working Group.

VI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to pass

Second

Pass