



**Waterways Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday July 2, 2014
Scituate Maritime Center
7:15 pm**

In attendance: Keith Walo, Larry Niland, Dick Eckhouse, Bob McHugh, David Glancy, Brad White, Mark Patterson, Fran McMillen

Also in Attendance; Jeff Frank, Brian Cronin, Michael Gibbons, Howie Kreutzberg, Steve Guard

I. Call Meeting to Order – By Dick Eckhouse @ 7:18pm

II. Acceptance of Agenda - Eckhouse – added letter from Bill Hoffman which was accepted unanimously

III. June 4th minutes - Eckhouse – Minor change made by Bill, Minutes accepted by 1st Mark, 2nd Bob accepted unanimously

IV. Opening remarks

- A.** Review of Action Items list –Dick Eckhouse reviewed the open action items list,
- The South River grant was not received
 - Jetty's, Edward O'Donnell from Army Corp is to visit the site in July
 - Commercial Fishing pier work has commenced
 - Harbor master roof and siding will be done in the fall
 - No update on the fishing boat removal - Patterson
 - Dog bags have been installed
 - Slop sink is not required in the maritime center
 - Two proposal for the Wi-Fi have been received and are being reviewed
 - The pump-out vessel has been launched and is in service

V. Old Business A. Marinas – Patterson

B. Transient mooring considerations – Cronin –

Motion to openly discuss the Mooring regulations 1st Bob, 2nd Keith.

The goals for the regulations were discussed by Brian with the team. Launch operators regulations were also discussed with the group.

Brad asked what the purpose of the fee is and what will the cost be

Brian said that the selectmen will come up with that amount.

Fran asked why are we paying water fees, tax fees, and slip fees and now we are being hit with another fee

Mark said those operating a launch service, are conducting a business

Fran said as an operator I can't see receiving an exorbitant amount of money for these operators

*Brad said my recommendation is; it should be small \$25 first year and go up from there
Dick explained since the boards of selectmen are going to make the fee, maybe we could make a recommendation.*

Brian said this is the working groups recommendation we can change this

Fran said to look at this overall for the last 35 years the yacht club and boat club have been upgraded. This is providing a service, it has worked all this time, and do we need to change it

Brian said I think the working group did a good job not changing the structure; it could have been a lot different. This allows what is happening out there; opens up the opportunity for more mooring rentals.

Mark said the mooring is privately owned, we don't have reporting of transient boats that are coming and going. This is valuable information.

Fran said these are all town mornings, and the launch services only provide the ride.

Brad, I have a question for Mark, so we have no idea how many transient mornings we sell a year.

With the new iPhones you can use the PayPal information, to pay and keep record that way.

Brian said the launches need to keep a book at least.

Mark said we have talked full circle, instead of the town getting involved with the little things if we have the launch service put up x amount up front.

Brad explained this data is really important

Brian said at the end of the year the lunch operators just need to report in

Howie said the bigger issues are knowing how to market the harbor. Maybe with this we could air mark some money to get a marketing campaign to start in the early spring

Brian said we have had 6 working group meetings, I feel their job is done.

Steve explained we need a full meeting to discuss through the waterway committee; the working group has completed their job.

E. Mooring insurance requirement – an email was read to the team by Dick about a possible verbiage for the mooring insurance requirement; which is to be submitted to the Town Administrator. This will be revisited in September when Vin is present; 16' or greater and \$250,000, motorized or self-propelled vessels and does this apply to private marina and mooring holders

VI. New Business

A. BOS Appointments – Murray – The board has not made any appointments, they meet next week to make a decision.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Review of the Waterways Management Plan of June 7, 2011 – Vigilante

Dick discussed an email from Bill Hoffman requesting 24hrs bathrooms service at the Maritime Center.

Mark said that the weekend shift will have the bathrooms open 24 hours. He spoke with Kevin Kelly to install a pin pad, I believe access should be provided. In the meantime they will be open Friday-Monday.

Howie said maybe we should install a camera in the lobby, for security.

Mark said it's a great suggestion and I will talk with the facilities manager.

Motion to install a camera, 1st Bob, 2nd Brad

Further discussion;

Brad said that Mr. Solimando has fixed the cement ramp of 10', and received a temp CO, he has applied to the army core of engineers.

The Parking situation at the maritime, it's a huge challenge mark said. As a boat yard, rental function hall and active marina, the building is very active. Scituate Boar Works and he put ropes in the middle to control the first 3 rows. I do think that we need to have someone here from 2-6 in the afternoon during the busiest time.

VIII. Adjournment – Eckhouse

Next meeting date – September 3rd

Adjournment – Eckhouse- 8:21pm

Chairperson: Dick Eckhouse – 2014

Vice Chairperson: Peter Toppan – 2016

Harbormaster: Mark Patterson

Full Members:

David Glancy – 2016

Bob McHugh – 2016

Fran McMillen 2015

Keith Walo -2015

Brad White 2015

Larry Niland -2014

Associate Members

John Murphy

Don Hourihan

Michael J. Sullivan

Brian Cronin (promotion to full membership)

Jeffrey Frank

Bill Schmid

Michael Gibbons

Tom Anderson

Steve Guard

Wanting to be considered for Associate Membership:

John Vigilante

Vinnie Lanoue

Town Selectman Liaison

Rick Murray

Recording Secretary:

Lindsey DeSimone

Next meeting: September 3, 2014 at 7:15 at the Scituate Maritime Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey DeSimone, Recording Secretary