



MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission Meeting
Wednesday December 7, 2016
Scituate Maritime Center
7:15 pm

Commission Members in Attendance: Fran McMillen, Brian Cronin, David Friedman, Brian Kelly, Keith Walo, Michael Lorusso, David Glancy, Stephen Mone

Commission Members Absent: Michael Gibbons

Also in Attendance: Shawn Harris (Board of Selectman)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:16pm by Fran McMillen.

Acceptance of Agenda

Move that the Waterways Commission approve the agenda for December 7, 2016 meeting. Motion by David Friedman Second by Brian Kelly Unanimous Vote (8-0)

Acceptance of Minutes

Move that the Waterways Commission approve the meeting minutes for November 2, 2016 meeting. Motion by Brian Cronin Second by David Glancy Unanimous Vote (7-0) Stephen Mone abstained

Opening Remarks:

Fran McMillen did not have any specific opening remarks.

Harbormaster Report:

Stephen Mone, Harbormaster, said that the first crane day for the marinas is set for tomorrow (Dec. 8, 2016). Everything else is moving along as it should be.

Old Business:

Mooring Regulations Issues/Discussion: see below

Harbor Plan: David Friedman said there are no updates on this topic. He said that a consultant may need to be an option because it is very technical.

Mooring Regulations- Consultant progress: Fran said that the Commission was supposed to hear something regarding the progress between Dec. 1 and Dec. 15. Stephen Mone thinks that the town will be happy with what the consultant comes up with. The consultant will be invited to the January

4, 2017 meeting.

New Business:

Brad White said that the moorings aren't able to pick up wifi. Stephen Mone will look into it.

Discussion Items:

Rudy Gerhart had a slip since 1991. He gave up his slip years ago. He had his name on the mooring list for 10 years. Last year he forgot to put his name on the list. He was due to get a mooring this year, had he not forgotten. He's requesting to get his name back on the list, not at the bottom. David Glancy made a motion to discuss recommending putting Mr. Gerhart back on the list on his anniversary date, David Friedman made a second motion. Keith Walo is concerned that if we allow this then there will be many more people coming forward from years past saying that they forgot and they want to be put back on. David Dauphinee brought up the 50 unassigned moorings and how that's the most unfair piece to his problem. David Friedman would like to know how many people were dropped from the list this year. Ellen Talbot said it would be really hard because it's a running list where people are just moved to the bottom of the list. There is no documentation of when they were dropped. Brad White asked when the other two people had been reassigned in the past because it has happened. He thinks there should be a 3 year look back. Over three years, it will most likely not be a large number of people that were dropped if they decided to come back fighting to get back on. Michael Lorusso said that we are still following the old rules until the new regulations are established. Jim Spelman thinks that reminders should be sent out and feels that Rudy Gerhart should be allowed to get back on the list.

Motion to recommend to the Board of Selectman that Rudy Gerhart be put back on the mooring list on his anniversary date by David Glancy second by Brian Kelly (3-4) Keith Walo abstained

Paul Bowers registered and insured two boats. His brother has two moorings, inherited from his father. Harbormaster said they have two moorings registered to John T. Bowers and John T. Bowers 3rd. Ellen Talbot requested two different John T. Bowers but Paul said there aren't two- both names are his brother. The issue is that there is a regulation that one person can not own more than one mooring. David Glancy asked Mr. Bowers about the lobster boat on one of the moorings. Mr. Bowers said that it is more so used for recreational purposes. Commercial fisherman can have a commercial mooring and a recreational mooring. Jim Spelman said 30 years ago you could change the name on the mooring no problem. Brian Cronin reminded him that in 1996 the federal rules changed. Brad White is in support of Mr. Bowers because he's been in the harbor for so long. Stephen Mone said a transfer can't be made because it is the rules. It is the Army Corps regulations. Keith Walo reminded the audience that the Commission is just advisory to the Board of Selectman. Phylis Karlberg said that there are probably many families that have multiple moorings. She said that this family has been in the harbor for many years and it is their life. She asked for the Commission to keep that in mind. Keith Walo asked Ellen Talbot if she's found this problem aside from the Bower's moorings. Ellen said that she hasn't yet.

Michael Lorusso made a motion to not approve this because the Harbormaster is following the current rules, second motion by Stephen Mone (6-1) Brian Kelly abstained

Mark Fasciano went to pay a mooring bill in 2007 and was told that they couldn't help him because he was late that year and the previous year. He said he was never sent a bill. He later realized that they sent the bill to the wrong address. He is requesting to be put back on the mooring list. David Glancy requested Mark to come back with more paperwork.

Phylis Karlberg asked if the Town was on the list for moorings. She said it's not fair if the Town gets moorings over the people that have been on the list for years. Keith Walo supports her concerns. The Commission said that they have not received any feedback yet from the consultant. Shawn Harris said that he is in the same boat as the Commission. He did meet with the consultant a month ago. Fran McMillen and David Friedman both said that they met with him as well. A draft will not be posted on the website. Once the Commission has a copy of the draft, we will email it to the audience members requesting it.

There was discussion regarding the parking lot of the Scituate Maritime Center. Stephen Mone said he has addressed it and will follow up.

David Friedman asked about the budget. Keith Walo told David that the Waterways Commission has nothing to do with the budget. David presented the Harbormaster/Waterways Enterprise Fund budgets from the last three years. He requested the budget that the Harbormaster has already submitted to the Town Administrator. Stephen said he would ask the T.A. for copies for the Commission. Phylis Karlberg asked who spends the money from the Waterways Enterprise Fund. Stephen Mone said that major items go before the Commission. Brad White asked Stephen about the Town's new boat. Brad also brought up the South River. He said there will be an emergency situation there very soon because it needs dredging. Stephen Mone said they are working on easements in Humarock to place the sand once dredging begins.

Next meeting is January 4, 2017

Adjournment

There being no other business a motion was made by Fran McMillen to adjourn at 9:06pm second by Brian Cronin Unanimous Vote (8-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Rodgers
Recording Secretary