



MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission Meeting
Wednesday November 2, 2016
Scituate Maritime Center
7:15 pm

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

Commission Members Absent:

Also in Attendance: Patricia Vinchesi (Town Administrator), Maura Curran (Board of Selectman), John Danehy (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 November 2, 2016 meeting. Motion by Brian Kelly Second by Michael Lorusso Unanimous Vote (9-0)

Acceptance of Minutes

Move that the Waterways Commission approve the meeting minutes for October 5, 2016 meeting. Motion by David Friedman Second by Michael Gibbons Unanimous Vote (6-0) Stephen Mone abstained

Opening Remarks/Waterways Action List:

Dick Eckhouse will be helping Fran McMillen to resurrect his concept of an "Action List" spreadsheet. This will help the Commission track and highlight their accomplishments and progress during the year.

Fran McMillen introduced Patricia Vinchesi as being in attendance. John Danehy and Maura Curran, Board of Selectman members, also in attendance.

Harbormaster Report:

Stephen Mone, Harbormaster, said they are in the process of breaking down the marinas. They are waiting for contracts to be complete for crane and electrical company. Everything is moving in a timely fashion. Mone said that there is a large percentage of moorings that did not have a legible number on them. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the harbor has been done but they are at a standstill because moorings can't be identified. All mooring companies are asked to assist this winter. Anything remaining in the spring will be identified by boat. Town pier hoist was inspected by American Hoist and Crane, replaced a line.

Old Business:

Mooring Regulations Discussion:

Town will be hiring a consultant. The Commission had a chance to meet the hired consultant. Patricia Vinchesi reported that when the draft report is ready, it will be provided to the Waterways Commission. The consultant has the final word, however, it will take the Waterways Commission's input. There is a date set for the final draft which is December 15, 2016. This gives plenty of time to allow for extensions, as well as providing the public with the new information prior to boating season. Once the consultant has a public draft, the public will have the right to make comments. David Friedman said that the draft will need to be made accessible for the public to view. Keith Walo asked if there would be an open meeting to review the draft. Patricia Vinchesi said that the Commission will have a copy of the draft and it is up to the Commission as to how they choose to review it.

Kathy Donahue asked the name of the consultant. Charles Cristello is the consultant with a price of \$7,500. Stephen Mone said that the bills are typically sent out March 1, 2017. Harbormaster is planning on placing notification of the new regulations on the bill.

Dick Eckhouse asked if the charter could be posted on the town website. Kathy Donahue asked if Stephen Mone had email addresses for people with moorings. He said he has some. Kathy thinks it would be important to notify people for input on the draft document.

Keith Walo reiterated that the Town is currently not assigning moorings at this town so that part will not be affected in the spring time. Stephen Mone said there are between 45-50 moorings that are abandoned. Jim Spelman asked who has control of the gear that remains in the harbor with the abandoned moorings. It was said that some have been dropped and some have not. Once the new regulations are accepted, they will start reassigning moorings. This could happen between December 2016 and March 2017. Keith Walo said that he hopes the Town does not have 10-15 moorings for transients. He said it would interfere with the wait list. Jim Spelman asked if anyone has filed complaint with a state agency that the mooring wait list has been halted. Michael Lorusso said that a wait list is not considered an actual item for complaint, by the Army Corps for example. Stephen Mone said that because he's not passing over anyone, it is still fair because it's only put on hold. David Friedman said that the consultant will be focusing on more than just mooring regulations. It's a broad scope. Fran McMillen said that the culture of Scituate harbor is unique. He spoke with the consultant regarding this topic. Fran said that the Waterways Commission will make sure that the public's input is heard.

New Business:

David Friedman started collected the Waterways financial statements and would like to discuss them at the next meeting.

Discussion Items:

Rudy Gerhart asked when he would be up for discussion because he sent in a letter to the Waterways Commission. Fran McMillen said that Rudy and two others would be on the next agenda.

Next meeting is December 7, 2016

Adjournment

There being no other business a motion was made by Brian Cronin to adjourn at 7:56pm second by David Friedman Unanimous Vote (9-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Rodgers
Recorder