



MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission Meeting
Wednesday May 3, 2017
N.O.A.A. Meeting Room
175 Edward Foster Rd.
7:00 pm

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

Commission Members Absent: David Glancy

Also in Attendance: Shawn Harris (Board of Selectman), Kevin McGuire (engineer)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Fran McMillen.

Acceptance of Agenda

Move that the Waterways Commission approve the agenda for May 3, 2017 meeting. Motion by Brian Cronin Second by Michael Gibbons Unanimous Vote (8-0)

Acceptance of Minutes

Move that the Waterways Commission approve the meeting minutes for March 1, 2017 meeting with two additions. Motion by Keith Walo Second by Brian Cronin Unanimous Vote (8-0)

Opening Remarks:

Fran McMillen opened up the meeting by saying they'd like to open up the action list again. He suggested people email him with ideas.

Harbormaster Report:

Stephen Mone, Harbormaster, said that the marinas are in. The electrical and water are being repaired. They have been doing a lot of work since they were ahead of schedule. The electric house at the Maritime Center is just about complete. Power should be turned on soon. Then the docks will be inspected. They are getting ready to send out RFP for pilings. They are also making enhancements to systems. After the selectman's meeting, Stephen has put together a form explaining the new regulations explaining the separation of areas for wait list. They've been reaching out to people on the wait list so that they can make their selection of which area they'd like to be waiting for. The assistant harbormaster can at this point be off the docks and more focused on being in the office to work on the wait list. There's roughly 78 moorings available. Dick Eckhouse asked "if he was number 50 on the list, would he be contacted?" Stephen Mone said he's reaching out to first ten, then next ten, etc. Greg Morse asked if the list is narrowed down by size of

boat/size of mooring and is the list available to the public. Phylis Karlberg is concerned that there's enough swing room on moorings if there were any changes on size of boat that had been on a mooring. Stephen Mone said that is why he pulled all of the mooring installers into his office, to make sure everything would be ok. Brian Kelly asked how the division was looking in regards to available moorings and their location. He also asked if Ellen was keeping track of people that they are reaching out to and if they are not responding. Stephen said that Michael Bearce is keeping track. Keith said that he had four customers turn in moorings because of the controversy over the regulation changes. David Friedman commented that the issuing of moorings should be much more timely because of the new regulations. Stephen said they are doing everything they can to reach out to people on the wait list whether it be phone, email, etc. David asked about the RFP for pilings and Stephen said it's for engineering.

North Jetty Progress:

Stephen said they are going back and forth between attorneys regarding access and timing of the year as to when it can be done.

South River Dredging:

Fran did not have any updates. Brian Cronin said he would email Nancy Durfee for updates.

Waterways Management Plan:

David Friedman said it's a challenging document. He thinks it would be a bit daunting to update. Brian Kelly said he had talked to someone at UMass to review it (Mr. Wiggins). He asked if there would be any issues of the WWC doing it and if it would impact future grants. Fran asked Howie Kreutzberg if the WWC would be responsible for updating it. Howie said it was important to get it done and Scituate is on record for having one. It costs \$50,000-60,000 to create a management plan. It's being looked into regarding updating ours.

Maritime Center Parking Plan/Addendum:

Maps were distributed to the Commission to review. David Friedman asked if anyone has reached out to the lawyers for the addendum. Stephen said he's asked Nancy Holt, and she does not have it. David said the lawyers would probably have it. Keith said he was over there recently. Boats had been moved to the front of the building which made it very difficult for people to "walk" into the building for those there for a meeting. Michael Lorusso also witnessed someone with a trailer having a difficult time maneuvering due to boat parking. Fran said that the lease would have to be evaluated and someone will need to be spoken to regarding the over parking. Keith said there was also an issue of French exchange students being dropped off. He said the bus dropping off the students didn't have the room to turn around which was not a great representation for the Town. Shawn Harris said it would be up to the Town Administrator to talk to the person in charge of the boat yard because it's encroaching on town property. Fran said he would reach out to T.A. Howie said there were a few issues that need to be addressed and agreed that the document should be retrieved from the town attorney.

New Business:

Scituate Marine Park Restroom concerns for marina patrons:

Fran said he now realizes that there is a history with this. Bill Hoffman said he had a boat in the harbor for 22 years. He said that restrooms should be available to those that leave early on fishing trips or even people that spend the night over night on their boats. He also thinks that with 87 boats, not all of them have heads, which creates a pollution issue. He wonders if a combination lock or something to that effect could be done. Town Admin. has not approved such a thing. Dick

Eckhouse said it has been brought up in the past and the Town Administrator has never approved it. Shawn Harris said he was not aware of this issue. Stephen Mone said he's asked about a porta potty. Shawn Harris asked if porta potty would help. Bill Hoffman said it would help. Brad White asked about if it was specifically asked by accessing from the outside. Michael Gibbons also said it's the same over at the Harbormasters office/marina. He also suggested security of some sort so that if there were ever any damage at least it would be documented. Michael Lorusso said at his marina they will be using technology based "app" on phone that a lock will recognize- that way you will always know who is using it. It's important to restrict and remove people for liability. Michael Lorusso said he'd send Fran information on the security system he's using. Stephen Mone said that there's a porta potty at the Town Pier.

Review South River Dock project:

Kevin McGuire is an engineer who was present. A small pier off Central Ave in Humarock (204 Central Ave) is proposed. He said it was presented to the Harbormaster before which was told that it needed to be pulled back a bit due to low tide. They changed the plans and showed it to Stephen again and he ok'd it. Brad White asked if it would impact clamming. Fran said that it was reviewed by Dimeo.

Motion to support Harbormasters decision as long as the location is consistent by Michael Lorusso second by Brian Cronin Unanimous vote (8-0)

Keith asked about Marshfield MOU. Fran said that because the last meeting was canceled we weren't able to discuss. Fran said we probably should have another meeting with Marshfield. He would reach out to find out if there would be another time that we could meet. There were costs discussed that need to be agreed on. Keith asked about having lawyers involved. Brad White said it's been going on for 4.5 years. Brad said that the Marshfield attorney (Galvin) added a lot of things. Brad also updated that Marshfield dredging began today and should be done by the end of May.

Shawn Harris said there was a meeting on Fourth Cliff with Air Force on what to do with Fourth Cliff. They are losing 2-3 feet per year. Scituate is suggesting maybe there's something the Town can do. The impression that the Town got was that the federal government doesn't have it high on their priority list. Shawn wanted it brought to the Commission's attention that they are looking into it and trying to offer help. It was brought up that the erosion would be impacting the channel. Michael Gibbons suggested asking Nancy Durfee about it. Someone said that in the deed it states that it would be returned to the Town once it is no longer needed for the federal government.

Adjournment

There being no other business a motion was made by Fran McMillen to adjourn at 8:05pm second by Brian Kelly Unanimous Vote (8-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelli Rodgers
Recording Secretary