



# Town of Barnstable

## Waterways Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632

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### Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2007

Chairman:

John Meade

Committee Members:

Michael Hersey  
Frederick Komenda  
Norman Wahl  
Guile Wood

Council Liaison:

Frederick Chirigotis

#### In Attendance

Members: John Meade, Michael Hersey, Frederick Komenda, Norman Wahl, Guile Wood

Staff: Joe Gibbs, Mooring Officer, Mary McGaughey, Administrative Assistant - MEA

#### I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman John Meade called the meeting to order at 7pm.

#### II. MINUTES:

Motion was approved to accept the minutes of April 24, 2007.

#### III. NOTICES OF INTENT (NOI):

None.

#### IV. MOORING APPEALS:

None.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS:

Wayne Kirker – New Mooring Technology –

Wayne Kirker, John Crowell and Daniel Carlin are working together in an effort to provide the Committee with information on new mooring technology to hopefully make it possible to have more moorings in our town. “It was found that in Nantucket, where similar conditions are present, use of the Helix mooring systems with a rubber mooring snubber is used almost exclusively. Chatham has started using an elastic mooring system which allows for increased number of moorings and has been approved by NOAA and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute for use at sea, and has shown to be more reliable than a typical mooring during a storm surge. More information is forthcoming.”

John Meade said by gathering information from other towns over the summer, it could be possible to start the process for any changes in the regulations for next season if necessary.

Joe Gibbs said that, with the elastic moorings, he believes that there has to be a minimum water level of 8 feet or more and use of a cement block which is against our regulations, or a Helix. The more information on new technology and requirements would be helpful and appreciated.

Norman Wahl has spoken to some waterfront people and found that the general consensus was that if there were more moorings they would start a launch service. A solution to the parking might be to shuttle people from parking lots by using the B-Bus. He also reported that the Coast Guard would not be taking over the breakwater light/tower.

John Meade brought up Oyster Harbor Bridge and questioned if there were any notices sent out by Neil Andres of the Highway Dept. to property owners and users of the bridge informing them of the importance of minimizing the number of times the bridge is raised due to the probability of breakdowns. Should the bridge suffer a major breakdown, there would be no access. The simple act of lowering their antenna would help in reducing the frequency of raising the bridge and the public should be made aware.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Marina Waiting List Lottery.

Joe Gibbs, speaking on behalf of Eric Shufelt, Marina Manager, is asking for the support of the Waterways Committee to conduct a Lottery to add 25 names to the Bismore, Barnstable Harbor and Prince Cove slip waiting lists before going to the Town Manager for authorization. Once authorized a legal notice would be posted in the local newspapers, Town Website, Channel 18 and the Barnstable Bulletin.

The Committee found no objections and unanimously voted to support adding to the 3 lists.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

VIII. HARBORMASTER REPORT:

Joe Gibbs reported that the late fee deadline in May 14, 2007. There are about 65 Mooring renewals still outstanding at this time. We are in the process of interviewing for the seasonal positions: Dock master, Pumpout Boat Operator and seasonal Mooring Officer positions. The new Parker is in the water and the Whaler will be going in tomorrow. With the help of the people at Oyster Harbors Marine and Peter Murray, the bulk of the buoys have been put out in 3 Bays, Cotuit's are in, North Bay Channel, Marstons Mills River, the outside of West Bay and Centerville River still needs to be done. Lewis Bay buoys will be placed by the end of next week.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary McGaughey  
Administrative Assistant

Next Meetings:  
\*May 22, 2007 (7pm)  
\*June 12, 2007 (8pm)