



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632

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Meeting Minutes

10/23/2007

Chairman:

John Meade

Committee Members:

Michael Hersey
Frederick Komenda
Guile Wood

Council Liaison:

Frederick Chirigotis

In Attendance:

Members: John Meade, Michael Hersey, Frederick Komenda, 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 7:01pm.

II. MINUTES:

Motion was approved to accept the minutes of September 25, 2007.

III. NOTICES OF INTENT (NOI):

Kingfish, LLC – 81 Sand Point Osterville (North Bay) - No Objections.

Three Bays Preservation (Seapuit River) Dredging- No Objections.

Logie – 488 Baxters Neck Rd. MM – (MM River) - No Objections.

IV. MOORING APPEALS:

None.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Changes to the mooring regulations – Joe Gibbs handed out drafts of the current mooring regulations stating that there are three specific areas to be worked on:

1. Fresh water moorings – Tackle requirements.

2. Mooring transfers – limiting the amount of transfers per year in an effort to stay within the original intent of transferring immediate ‘family’ members as stated in the regulations.

3. Anchoring – there has been a lot of manipulation and different interpretation of the provision regarding anchoring – the main premise of anchoring was for ‘visiting’ yachtsmen to stay for no longer than one week per year – prohibiting anchoring within the mooring fields may possibly allow movement on the mooring wait lists, there is room for anchoring outside the mooring areas.

Also, the idea of limiting the number of times one would pass for a mooring if called from the wait list was discussed – perhaps after a certain number of times passing, the person would be placed on the bottom of the wait list. Transient moorings are another issue that should be addressed. Any formal actions should be addressed at the next meeting 11/27/07 so that the proposed changes can be approved by the Harbormaster and then the Town Manager by the end of the year.

Proposed shellfish overlay district/dock moratorium – the proposal would ban the building of new piers in the various shellfish relay areas. There is a meeting with the Planning Board and the Town Council on 11/15/07 to discuss this issue.

Positions/motion on the moratorium: Frederick Komenda – made motion to object, Guile Wood 2nd the motion, Michael Hersey abstained – needs more time for review, John Meade abstained – waiting for a formal presentation from the Shellfish Committee.

Kraft – NOI Pier Revisions (Popponesset) – Change/revision to original plans for a longer dock – there are no navigation issues. No Objections.

John Meade stated that the Town Council has recognized that Norman Wahl has resigned from the Waterways Committee and will get the process started to fill the position.

Also, Councilor Ann Canedy and a representative from the Sandy Neck Association will be at the next meeting (11/27/07) to discuss the ‘no wake’ issue in Barnstable Harbor.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

VIII. HARBORMASTER REPORT:

Regarding the boating accident at Hyannis Harbor – there were no injuries; Eric Shufelt is working with the insurance company to get the dock repaired. A.T.O.N. will be out by the end of the month. Pump out boats are out of the water for the winter. Joe is working on updating the Mooring Regulations. He is hoping to get the GIS/GPS mooring data finalized during the fall/winter.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary McGaughey
Administrative Assistant - MEA

Next Meeting:
November 27, 2007 – 7pm.