



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting January 26, 2021 Meeting

Chairman:
John Meade

Committee Members:
Frederick Komenda
Paul Everson
Robert Hazelton
Peter Cross

Council Liaison:
Paul C. Neary

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee was held via Zoom due to the Governor's orders regarding COVID19 on January 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman John Meade.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Chairman John Meade, Peter Cross and Robert Hazelton

Board Members absent: Frederick Komenda and Paul Everson.

Town Staff present: Brian W. Taylor, Harbormaster; Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster/Mooring Officer and Pam Swider-Cohen, Principal Department Assistant

Council Liaison present: Paul C. Neary

Public: Sam Monaghan, Pete Emerson, Veasey Jackson, Douglas Balentine, Justin Spence, Steve and Nancy Whitney, Phil Odenice, Chuck Roland of Sullivan Engineering (7:06), Mark Burgess of Shorefront Consulting, Lester and Rosemary Dunn Moeller

Meeting Minutes

Meetings minutes of December 8, 2020 have been pushed to the next meeting.

Notices of Intent (NOI)

1. Smail, Peter J & Maria G, 339 Eel River Road, Osterville, MA 02655. Map 115/Parcel 030. The applicants propose to amend the orders and extend the low stone revetment.

Horn stated that there are no navigational issues with the extension of the revetment.

No objections by roll call.

2. Butcher Benjamin S & Linda M, 105 Eel River Road, Osterville, MA 02655, Map 116/Parcel 096. The applicants propose to replace and reconfigure the existing pier, ramp and floats.

Represented by Chuck Roland of Sullivan Engineering, he stated that the property has an old strange T float on the end with a vessel that extends into West Bay. The plan is to build a more traditional pier, ramp float and ramp which will maintain the existing footprint and vessels will be placed parallel to the pier. The distance from the bulkhead is 134 feet.

No objections by roll call.

3. Moeller, Lester A & Dunn, Rosemary, 71 Snow Creek Drive, Hyannis, MA 02601, Map 325/Parcel 155. The applicants propose to install a small, seasonal aluminum style dock which will be used to launch kayaks and canoes; no motor craft will be used at this site.

Mark Burgess of Shorefront Consulting represented this project which proposes to install a seasonal aluminum dock with 10-12 inch aluminum feet to rest on the bottom. This is for the Moeller's canoe.

No objections by roll call

4. Davis, Robert J and Rita M, 986 Sea View Avenue, Osterville, MA 02655, Map 091/Parcel 002. The applicants plan to modify an existing pier in West bay by replacing the fixed T on the Southern pier with ramp and floats.

Represented by Chuck Roland of Sullivan Engineering, the plan is to replace the fixed T with pier and ramp floats. The main difference will be the raised pier which will allow public access below the rather than over the pier.

No objections by roll call.

Mooring Appeals

1. Balentine, Douglas, Mooring number LT/003 Denied a change of vessel for a 47 foot 1938 Rhodes Cutter

Douglas Balentine stated he has had a mooring in Cotuit for over 20 years. He recently acquired a classic wood sail boat, 1938 Rhodes Cutter. He applied for the change of vessel. His request has been denied by the Mooring Officer. He currently moors a 30 foot Pearson. Balentine is asking for reconsideration for his new sail boat.

Horn states this is too large to accommodate where his existing mooring is. If this significantly larger vessel is approved, it would be hard to find a location that would accommodate the 47 foot vessel.

Balentine states Mooring Servicer, Steve Murray stated that another mooring location RT/040 would become available.

Horn states that it is presumptive at this time that another location would become available.

Appeal denied by roll call due to the guidelines of a maximum length of 40 feet for the Cotuit moorings.

2. Whitney, Nancy E., Slip number: GWM0011 denied a change of berth application due to the size being greater than the maximum limits at Gateway Marina of 25 feet and 8 foot beam.

Harbormaster Taylor stated that the change of vessel for Nancy Whitney was denied as it was point seven of a foot over the guidelines for the size allowed at Gateway Marina. Mr. Steve Whitney, speaking on behalf of his wife Nancy, as the slip is in her name, stated that he was not aware of the size restriction for this location. Taylor cleared up that the size restriction is a guideline, not a regulation. It is important to adhere to these guidelines as this is a very limited area for the Gateway Marina. Meade stated, as the advisory committee for waterways, the members make the recommendation to the Harbormaster. This request is being considered to see what tolerances we can work with for this marina. The size is over by and .7 inches over the maximum length of twenty five feet (25 ft.). The Committee will plan to add the size restrictions to the regulations in the future.

Change of berth approved by roll call.

Old Business

1. FY2021 Transient Mooring Locations.

Taylor gave an update to the Transient Mooring Locations and stated that he and Jay Horn will be reaching out to the Army Corp of Engineers to determine new locations for these moorings. By keeping this on the Waterways agenda, the notification is hopefully getting out to the public. The goal is to attract visitors to the waters of Barnstable to enjoy the local businesses.

2. Update Marina Regulations.

Taylor updated the Committee on the status of the regulation still being reviewed by Legal. Once the update is made he will let the members know when this goes before the Town manager

3. Update Marina Fees.

Taylor stated the adjustment to the Electrical Transient fees as well as small changes in price for all Town Transient Dockage of twenty five cents (\$0.25) per foot/day was approved by the Town Manager on January 20, 2021.

No slip fees have gone up concerning contracted slip holders.

4. Kayaks and dinghies registered to moorings.

Horn has discussed and researched other Towns regulations regarding kayaks and dinghies assigned to Mooring Permits. He will table the discussion at this time due to the renewal season, but will follow up this discussion at future meetings. Two hundred vessels registered to moorings are less than 12 feet.

New Business

1. Cotuit Mosquito Yacht Club (CMYC) briefing.

Horn stated that he and Taylor had a meeting with the gentlemen from the CMYC would like to state their case of feeling squeezed by the mooring fields and shellfish beds. Phil Odence shared some history of the more than one hundred year old club which started back in 1906. They are not asking or appealing for anything at this time. They simply want to give a summary of what the club does. Six out of the first ten commodores were women. CMYC is \$20 per family or \$10 per individual youth. The ACMYC (Association of Cotuit Mosquito Yacht Club) started in 1950 in order to keep an eye on the children sailing that was the adult group. It has always been about racing skiffs, the races look the same today as they did in the start. Moorings have been permitted to the club to manage. The club currently manages its own waiting list for their moorings. The club has a small quarter acre lot off of Ropes Beach.

Veasey Jackson, the Commodore of the CMYC, discussed the fifty races the club puts on annually. There are 6 races per week which take place at 10 AM or 2:30 PM on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The races are mostly around the inner harbor of Cotuit Bay out towards Loop Beach or through North Bay to Waquoit. Races are usually 10- 30 boats per race and the age of the skippers are 9 to 91. Approximately twenty five classes take place per week from 8am-5pm and the fee is around \$10/hour. Fifteen percent of the participants are residents which includes the sailors and the instructors.

Mr. Odence stated that the challenge now faced by the sailors is space. Back in 1994 the Mooring field was marked and that boundary holding true is the goal of the Harbormasters as well. Shellfish growers also take up space which we understand and have made the grants out of bounds of the participants. Meade thanked the members of the CMYC for presenting and hopes they can appreciate our situation of the increased demands of the waters.

Correspondence: None.

Harbormaster Report:

Taylor stated that we are in Mooring Renewal Season, the phones are very busy. The renewal process this year was done via an online process. All mooring permit holders were sent an e-mail with their personal link to their profile for renewal. Those without an e-mail address were mailed a renewal form. Our office staff is here to answer any questions you have regarding the process. There are four ways to renew:

- 1. Mailed printed copy*
- 2. E-mailed link which may be printed and mailed in with the required items*
- 3. From the Town's website via the link, call the office to obtain the account number and password*
- 4. QR Code on the invoice and your smart phones' camera*

Since our phones are busy most days, feel free to e-mail us any questions and we will respond either by e-mail or phone.

Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By the Chair: *None*

Adjournment:

There being no further business the Waterways Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a motion made by Cross and seconded by Hazelton to adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Swider-Cohen, Principal Department Assistant