



# Town of Barnstable

## Waterways Committee

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### Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes August 29, 2023

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee was held via Zoom as approved by the Town Manager with the Committee's approval.

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman Paul Everson. Quorum has been confirmed and Everson read the following notice at the beginning of the meeting:

NOTICE OF RECORDING "Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on Town of Barnstable's Government Access Channel and, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s. 20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known."

#### Roll Call:

Board Members present: Paul Everson, Chairman; Peter Cross; Greg Egan; Gary Shramek

Board Members absent: Todd Walantis

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

Town Counsel Liaison absent: Paul Neary

Public: Jack Vaccaro, Senior Consultant, Epsilon Associates; Kenneth Fitzgerald, Engineer Stantec; Steve Tadros, Avangrid Renewables; Patrick Sullivan

#### II. Meeting Minutes:

1. July 25, 2023, Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes: Continued to the next meeting

#### III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

1. Cornwall, Craig & Maria, 40 Waterman Farm Road, Centerville, MA 02632, MAP 207/Parcel 091 005. The applicants propose to re-permit, construct, and maintain boardwalk, ramp, and float. The proposed boardwalk, ramp and float is for non-motorized vessels water access only.

**This project had been previously approved by Waterways, but the work was never completed. The Waterways Committee and Harbormaster staff is in approval of this project.**

2. Park City Wind LLC, Craigville Public Beach and Nantucket Sound; New England Wind 1 Connector. Installation of two offshore export cables beneath the ocean floor within Town of Barnstable waters, installation of underground duct bank and the related infrastructure under town-owned property.

**Jack Vaccaro, Senior Consultant Epsilon Associates represents this project. He stated that Ken Fitzgerald of Stantec Engineering, who designed the onshore transmission system for the project including the micro tunnel for the Centerville River, is also present. Chairman Paul Everson asked when the work will be carried out. Jack Vaccaro stated all the work will be done in the "off-season" being October - May. Ken Fitzgerald confirmed that the agreement with the host Town requires the work to be done from October to May. Chairman Everson asked would there be any equipment in the channel of the Centerville River? Jack Vaccaro stated that all the equipment will be staged at 2 Short Road, which is**

owned by the Park City Wind LLC. A jacking shaft will be installed at that location which is south of the bridge. A micro tunnel bore machine will be placed into the shaft; a tunnel will be bored out at a minimum of ten feet below the Centerville River to the north side of the bridge of Craigville Beach Road. Vessels are allowed to use the Centerville River during the time of construction. Greg Egan asked what a micro tunnel is and will it cause turbidity to the waters in and around the area of work. Ken Fitzgerald stated the micro tunnel itself will be a 48-inch reinforced concrete pipe that will be installed below the riverbed. A micro tunnel boring machine will have concrete pipe placed behind it. The process will not produce any turbidity to the waters. DH Horn asked them to talk about the offshore laying of the pipe off Craigville Beach. Jack Vaccaro stated a horizontal directional drill will end about 1200 feet off Craigville Beach. The same time of year restrictions of construction apply to the off-season time frame. Daily announcements are made to inform boaters and fishermen of the location to avoid. Everson stated the Town would put a restriction that if it were to become an issue of navigation, the Harbormaster would be required to be present to assist vessel traffic. Vaccaro would consider this request to be an extension of the existing agreement with the police and traffic coordination. Chairman Everson asked the members for this project vote: Cross yes; Shramek yes; Everson yes; Egan no. Vote 3-1 in support of the project for navigation purposes with the restriction to have the Harbormaster stand by if needed to assist with navigation.

3. \*Daley, Charles M & Janet M, 280 North Bay Road, Osterville, MA 02655, Map 072/Parcel 007. The applicants propose to repair or replace the existing permitted timber bulkhead. The repair or replacement of the wall will require water transport of the supplies and potentially two barges to transport the small excavator machine, water pump and hand tools. This would need to make access north of the existing aquaculture grant. (July 18, 2023, Agenda for Conservation Commission hearing) Continued from July 25, 2023

**Harbormaster Taylor spoke to the engineer. Horn stated the scope of work would be October to May and the engineer told the Harbormaster this project would not be an issue with navigation. They would be using a couple of barges to access the property. If navigation due to the barges became an issue, we could put a message to Conservation to halt the construction or request the barges to move. Cross, yes; Egan, yes; Shramek, yes and Everson, yes; all in favor with the noted concerns.**

#### IV. Mooring Appeals:

1. Sullivan, Patrick, LP/19: Denied change of vessel; appeal. **Horn stated Mr. Sullivan's request for the change of vessel is over the 40-foot vessel size which was established for Cotuit Bay by this Committee and the Harbormaster. Mr. Sullivan is present and states his vessel is a MJM4 47' 12.5' beam 3.5 ft draft outboard vessel and will do whatever the Committee would require including upgrading the tackle. Eleven and a half feet at high tide and about six feet at low tide. DH Horn states this is not in a designated mooring field. It is a waterfront property owner non-designated mooring permit. Committee members discussed the location and concerns. Committee is in favor of approval of this change of vessel with the upgrade of tackle as required by the Harbormaster; Everson in favor; Cross in favor; Egan in favor; Shramek in favor.**

#### V. Old Business:

1. Mooring regulations; September 26, 2023 Workshop

DHM Horn stated we are keeping this on the agenda as this will be discussed further at the workshop (September 26 at 6:30PM).

2. Marina fees: **Proposal of new fees regarding Town of Barnstable Marinas; slip fees and other miscellaneous charges presented to the Committee by Harbormaster Brian Taylor. This process will include a presentation to the Town Manager and a public hearing. If approved by the Town Manager the fees would go into effect on January 1, 2024. HM Taylor is trying to balance the fees across all Town Marinas. He is also trying to simplify the Town's fees. He presented both with a minimum fee proposal as well as without a minimum. HM Taylor also compared other Town slip fees as well as nearby private marina slip fees. Off-season rates, electrical charges, and offload fees need to be increased as well. As the Marinas facilities are getting older, monies need to be set aside to prepare for current and future repairs. The cost of these repairs is increasing as is the cost of electricity. Committee members discussed the presentation and asked questions of the Harbormaster. Taylor has been working on this to be fair and equitable for all and be able to maintain the Marina facilities.**

**VI. New Business: None**

**VII. Correspondence:**

1. Hearing for the renewal of aquaculture grant for Thomas C. Wood, 72 Dunaskin Rd, Centerville, MA 02632, and Conrad Geysler, 64 Old Shore Rd, Cotuit, MA 02635.

**VIII. Harbormaster Report:**

**DH Horn stated we are coming to the end of the season; the September 2<sup>nd</sup> fireworks are coming up. The event will be well staffed, including the Barnstable Police Department's new safe boat. The 110<sup>th</sup> person from the Mooring Wait lists has been permitted and we currently have 2519 mooring permits. This ties last year's number. Horn is still offering moorings as he is adding moorings wherever he can. He and his staff have been plotting the moorings with the GIS system which is a very useful tool. Harbormaster Taylor wanted to thank his staff for all the work they do. He could not do this without them.**

**IX. Matters not reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None**

**X. Adjournment:**

**There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Peter Cross and seconded by Shramek; unanimously voted by roll call to approve the motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Swider-Cohen, MEA Principal Department Assistant

(Next meeting is September 26, 2023, workshop at 6:30 PM with the monthly meeting at 7:00 PM)