

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room
City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930
April 1, 2014**

Present: Anthony Gross, Dave McCauley, Patti Page, Ralph Pino, Jim Bordinaro, Mark Lacey, Bob Gillis, Jim Caulkett

Also Present: Leonard Linquata, Paul McGeary, Kyle Grant, Mr. & Mrs. Foster

Chairman Pino opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Oral Communications: None

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Mark Lacey, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 4th meeting.

Marcia O'Brien-Transient Mooring Request: Not in attendance

Leonard Linquata Presentation: Lenny informed the Board of the workings of the Gloucester Harbor Community Development Corporation in which he is one of many members of the community. The group identified the problems in the harbor and possible means to solve them. He spoke of the Harbor Cove area from the Gloucester Heritage Center over to the Paint Factory being their scope now. The businesses along the waterfront needs to have financial stability and this is one of the things the committee is working on.

Recreational Fishing Pier: The plans will be before P&D on April 16th. Doug Cameron is working on a photoshop image to be presented to this committee showing what the finished project will look like.

National Grid Status: Patti stated that at several meetings it was said that the Harbormaster's Office will be relocated to I4C2. Jim has informed the administration that this is not a suitable spot for his facility.

Harbor Plan Update: April 24th is the next meeting.

Transient Moorings: Jim reported that 3 additional transient moorings will be placed in Stage Head this spring. Dave stated funding for these moorings will be discussed at the next Operations & Finance/Safety meeting.

Electric Bills at St. Peters Marina and Harbor Cove Commercial Docks: Referred this to Public Facilities.

Harbormaster Report: Jim reported the City Council approved the increase in the launch fee. The FY15 budget has been tentatively approved. An agreement has been reached with Mr. Michael Ragusa for payments on his numerous violations. A meeting will be held on April 14th to discuss the agreement with MassPort and the installation of conservation moorings. Letters have been sent to all mooring permittees. MassPort and moorings installation companies will be in attendance. Jim spoke of receiving several Transient Mooring Surveys. Referred to Public Facilities. EPYC request for 8 additional moorings are for the small sailing school boats use.

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10% Mooring Increase: Jim explained via a diagram the additional moorings in Southeast Harbor 70, Ten Pound Island 10, Little River and various parts of the Annisquam River 20+. A Public Hearing to be held.

Commercial Marina Pick Up/Drop Off: A Public Hearing will be held during the May meeting.

Subcommittee Reports:

Public Facilities: Cate Banks was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman. Mark reported on the discussion the committee had with George Schlichte and Katherine Schlichte on the use of George's mooring. Upon a suggestion from Mark, George agreed to present a business plan for the next meeting. Also discussed was Tom Hovey's request of AYC mooring trawls. The Harbormaster will survey the area after the mooring field is filled for the coming season and take into consideration access to Lobster Cove. The Studio Restaurant has filed an amendment to their CH91 license.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted 6 YES (Anthony Gross, Dave McCauley, Patti Page, Ralph Pino, Jim Bordinaro, Bob Gillis) 1 ABSTAINED (Mark Lacey) that the Harbormaster request the Studio Restaurant supply additional plans and how it would affect the abutters.

Motion passed

The committee discussed the amendments in boat sizes to mooring permits. Several of those listed needs further inspection.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to accept these amendments to mooring permits with the exceptions of #710, #24 and #171. **Motion passed**

The committee discussed the request of a mooring swap between Jerry McKay, #844 and Jack #761 in Lobster Cove

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to approve the swap between Jerry McKay #844 and Jack McKay #761. **Motion passed**

Operations & Finance/Safety: David informed Board members of the requests of this committee to the Board with the following motions:

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to transfer \$2800 from FY2014 Ordinary and Capital Accounts to purchase mooring tackle for three new transient moorings off Stage Head in Gloucester Harbor. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Anthony Gross the Board voted unanimously that a new account named "Solomon Jacobs Construction Account" be established. The Waterways Board further requests that the balances of the following accounts (totaling \$20, 222.69) be transferred to the Solomon Jacobs Construction Account: Launch purchase (#710002) \$9,258.20, Floating/Transient Marina Feasibility Study (#710003) \$9, 906.49 and Sailing School Float Purchase (#710001) \$1,058.00. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of David McCauley, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously that the Board requests that the City Council approve a change in source of \$8900 in funds for improvements to the Lobster Cove and Hodgkin's Cove Public Landings (#58760) (as defined in Harbormaster Supplemental Budget Transfer Request #2014SA 11) from the Waterways Board Free Cash Reserves to the Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund (#72000) **Motion passed**

Regulations Review: No report

Future Meetings: Public Facilities April 24, Operations & Finance April 17, Regulations Review April 8 and Waterways Board May 6.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds

