

MINUTES

**Waterways Board
3rd Floor Conference Room City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930
February 11, 2014**

Present: Anthony Gross, Cate Banks, David McCauley, Patti Page, Ralph Pino, Jim Bordinaro, Mark Lacey, Bob Gillis

Also Present: Pat Scalli, Marcia O'Brien, John Feldman, Steve Douglass, Jim Marshall, Peter Favazza, Steve LeBlanc

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Oral Communications: None

Approval of Minutes: On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Bob Gillis the Board voted unanimously to accept the January 7, 2014 minutes with following corrections:
Page one, Pat Scalli, 3rd sentence: delete "Channel" add "Anchorage"
Page two, 100% Increase in Moorings; should be 10% increase
Page 3, Operations & Finance/Safety: 7th sentence: delete "and" after Hodgkins Cove, add "and" before Hodgkins Cove

Marcia O'Brien – Moorings in Little River: (Ralph Pino abstained) Cate spoke of the Public Facilities meeting held on January 23rd and the discussion regarding these moorings in Little River. Marcia spoke of the history of the campground and her future plans for the buildings and land. Members discussed this in depth.

>**Motion:** From Public Facilities meeting a motion by Mark Lacey, second by Patti Page to recommend the full Board grant to Marcia O'Brien one transient mooring. **Motion withdrawn – back to Public Facilities**

Jim Marshall: On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to waive the \$50.00 Wait List late fee.

Steve Douglass: Steve spoke of various areas he uses to pick up and drop off customers and the difficulty with each. He has difficulty using St. Peter's Public Landing because other boats dock there and would like permission to use slip #1 on the St. Peter's Marina side of the facility for drop off/pick up. Steve is requesting this slip be designated for the Water Shuttle. Peter Favazza did verify the difficulty with using this facility. Patti noted her concerns with the water sheet as noted in the diagram Steve presented and the CH91 license.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino to approve the proposal and have the Harbormaster look further into the reconfiguration of the docks at the Public Landing to better utilize the water sheet. **No second - Motion withdrawn – referred to Public Facilities.**

Mooring Swap Public Hearing: Chairman Gross opened the Public Hearing. Pat Scalli spoke to the Harbormaster about swapping his mooring in the Annisquam River with a boat in the Inner Harbor. He thinks it will not affect the Wait List and continued with reading the regulations on amendment to moorings stating that according to the regulations this swap could be granted. Discussion on a 3 mooring swap, then a 2 mooring swap followed. John Feldman and Ellen Higgins names were mentioned with this swap, but M. Feldman stated he does not want to swap spots. Pat eliminated the 3 mooring swap for a 2 mooring swap. Cate read an e-mail from Ellen Higgins stating she agrees to the swap with Pat.

Public hearing closed.

Board members discussed where the boats would be placed. Ralph stated that since the Harbormaster approved the swap the Board should approve it.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Bob Gillis to approve the swap and changed amendment to the permit **Motion revised**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the mooring pending the Harbormaster's approval of a 2 mooring swap. **Motion passed**

Funding for National Grid Building Study: Dave spoke of discussing this at the Operations & Finance/Safety committee. Ralph needs to scan a copy of the floor plan for Tree House Design in order for them to work on figures. Referred to Special Committee.

Fishing Pier: Ralph stated the State has plenty of funding for this pier and they will pay for everything. A study needs to be done and then get a Land Grant Agreement. Ralph would like permission to approach the City Council with this.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to schedule a pre Public Hearing for input and move forward on the fishing pier

I4-C2 Potential Dock Expansion: Referred to Public Facilities.

Transient Moorings: Board members discussed transient moorings designated for Stage Head.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to instruct the Harbormaster to install 3 Transient Moorings at Stage Head for this coming season. **Motion passed**

>**Motion:** On a motion of Ralph Pino to instruct the Harbormaster install 5 Transient Moorings in the Inner Harbor anchorage area – **no second, no motion**

Harbormaster Report: Board members discussed Jim's comments previously during the meeting the requests of Pat Scalli, Jim Marshall, and Steve Douglass.

Harbor Plan Update: Ralph spoke of CZM pulling certain areas of the harbor out of the DPA. He feels the Board should question why the pilings on the left of Americold in East Gloucester are not included. This area would be good for recreational use. Board members discussed in depth the DPA especially the areas taken out.

Update on WWB Actions Initiated at the Previous WWB Meeting: No Discussion

Subcommittee Reports:

Public Facilities: Board members were presented the letter for approval to be mailed to the Transient Mooring holders.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Anthony Gross the Board voted unanimously to send out the letters with the last sentence in bold.

Motion passed

Cate continued with \$200,000 for bottom anchored floats and where to store them.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to direct the Harbormaster to set up a date and time for meeting with Sarah Garcia with the dimensions and cost of these floats.

Motion passed

Anthony explained the MassPort program providing moorings in eel grass areas.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Dave McCauley the Board voted unanimously that a date, time and location be chosen to meet with the permittees and an invitation be sent to all affected as well as to the mooring gear contractor(s).

Motion amended

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Ralph Pino the Board voted unanimously to direct the Harbormaster to set up a date, time and location to meet with the permittees and also invite the mooring gear contractor(s).

Motion passed

The committee discussed increasing the number of moorings in Gloucester waters.

Jim will continue to analyze the various mooring fields and will have a complete report for the Board at the April meeting. Decreases and increases in mooring lengths were discussed at the meeting.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Cate Banks, second by Bob Gillis the Board voted unanimously that the Harbormaster grant the mooring length changes for the first 5 moorings, #310, #458, #328, #622, and #683 with the exception of #27 in Smith Cove that needs a closer look.

Motion passed

At the meeting Jim noted the Public Hearings to be held on February 25th for George Sibley, Annisquam Market & Marina and City of Gloucester Sailing School Floats.

Operations & Finance/Safety: Dave explained the \$200,000 funding for new docks at Solomon Jacobs.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Anthony Gross, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to accept the motion from the Operations & Finance/Safety meeting that the Board reaffirms the commitment to dedicating the existing Seaport Bond funding of \$200,000 to its core priority of providing for new docks at the Solomon Jacobs (SJ) Harbormaster Complex. **Motion passed**

Dave explained the adjustments in the FY15 budget.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Dave McCauley, second by Jim Bordinaro the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY15 budget as amended on the actions on February 11th. **Motion passed**

Dave and Jim will work on a narrative on the Stabilization Funds in order for all Board members to become familiar with the accounts and the budget.

Election of Officers: Chairman: Cate nominates Ralph Pino – Board unanimously approves Ralph Pino as Chairman.

>**Motion:** On a motion of Chairman Pino, second by Cate Banks the Board voted unanimously to elects Anthony Gross as Vice-Chairman
Chairman Pino appointed Anthony Gross to Public Facilities, Jim Bordinaro and Mark Lacey appointed to the Building Committee, Bob Gillis appointed to the Harbor Plan and the Regulations Review Committee will stay the same.

Future Meetings: Waterways Board will meet on March 4th, Public Facilities will meet on February 18th and Operations & Finance/Safety will meet on February 20th.

Continuing and Unanticipated Business: Jim Bordinaro requested the Harbormaster review some of the moorings in question; George Schlichte, Pinegar transfer, Graham mooring and the float in Smith Cove to name a few. Mark would like a list of moorings given up and not assigned. Shirley explained the procedure for notifying the person on the Wait List when a mooring is available. She stated guidelines are needed for notifying people on the St. Peter's Marina and Harbor Cove Commercial Docks Wait List when there is a slip available. Regulations Review Committee will work on this.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Edmonds

