



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632

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Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2009

Chairman:
John Meade

Committee Members:
Michael Hersey
Frederick Komenda
Steven Swain
Guile Wood

Council Liaison:
Frederick Chirigotis

In Attendance:

Members: John Meade, Frederick Komenda, Steven Swain, Guile Wood

Staff: Eric Shufelt, Marina Manager, Joe Gibbs, Mooring Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman John Meade called the meeting to order at 7pm.

II. MINUTES:

Motion was made and approved to accept the amended minutes of November 25, 2008.

III. NOTICES OF INTENT (NOI):

Bothwell – 252 Clamshell Cove Road, Cotuit (Popp/SSB) – No objections.

IV. MOORING APPEALS:

Pelder (Cotuit Loop) – Reinstated pending all paperwork and fees be submitted to the Mooring Officer.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

*Marina Fee Update – Eric Shufelt reported that there is a 3% increase on all Town Marina fees as approved by the Town Manager.

*Mooring Regulation Update – Joe Gibbs reported that the Town Manager approved the changes proposed by the Waterways Committee and will be included in the 2009 Mooring Regulations.

*Ropes Beach Dinghy Removal Update – Joe Gibbs reported that when the regulation was approved, there were 59 boats on the property and as of the deadline of December 31, 2008 there were 7 boats remaining, 4 were junk and went to the crusher, the remaining 3 are being held until the spring in case someone comes forward to claim them.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

*FLUPSY proposal Barnstable Marina – David Ryan of Cape Cod Oyster presented a proposal to the Waterways Committee for installing a FLUPSY to grow oysters on a slip at Millway Marina without displacing a vessel. Eric Shufelt expressed his concerns about the proposal re: the ongoing Barnstable Harbor bulkhead project – not knowing if there will be reconfiguration of the Float Plan. The Committee feels that it is too early to give an answer.

*Hyannis Dinghy Tie Up – Gary Brown submitted a letter on January 5th. He is suggesting that the Town get the word out that dock space may be available for ‘temporary’ tie up and that the Town will accommodate pending space availability. Gary Brown is asking for a letter from the Waterways Committee stating such so that it may be handed out to the visiting boaters in Hyannis.

*Freezer Point Marina/Dredge Project – Environmental Notification Form. Joe Gibbs read the proposed project to the Committee for informational purposes.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

Councilor Curtis – Open Meeting Law Training. Chairman Meade informed the Committee about the training that will be held on February 12, 2009 at 7pm in the Town Hall Hearing Room.

VIII. HARBORMASTER REPORT:

Joe Gibbs handed out a publication from Coastal Services concerning multiple competing uses of water information. The waitlist renewals were mailed on December 31st, 47% have been returned for renewal to date. Mooring permit renewals will be mailed during the first week of February and are due March 31st. He is waiting to receive the money from Homeland Security in order to purchase the new boat. He has applied to some grants to be used for the purchase of communication equipment for the new boat and security equipment for surveillance at the harbor.

Eric Shufelt reported that the slip deposit requests and slip waitlist renewals were mailed on January 1st. Waitlist renewals are due back by March 15th and the slip contract deposits are due back January 31st. About 60% of the slip contracts have been returned – he will be calling those who have not returned their notice after 1/31/09. Dredging at Barnstable Harbor is still underway. Slip renewal contracts will be mailed April 1st. Structures and Grounds are building the remainder of the replacement floats that will go into Barnstable Harbor Marina this year. Depending on available funds, float replacement will start this year or next year at the Marina at Prince Cove. There was a public hearing last week that showed the public the ideas for the replacement of the bulkhead at Barnstable Harbor. The 3 options are: completely steel, completely stone or a combination of steel and stone. The final decision would be approved by the Town Manager ideally by this fall so construction would go on during the winter months and be ready by the following spring. This slip season will be much like last year.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary McGaughey
Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting:
February 24, 2009 @ 7pm