



Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting September 24, 2019 Minutes

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 on September 28, 2019 – Selectman’s Conference Room, Hyannis MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Jack Meade.

Call to Order:

Board Members present: Jack Meade, Paul Everson, Peter Cross and Robert Hazelton
Board Members absent: Ted Komenda
Town Staff present: Derek Lawson, Harbormaster Supervisor and Brian W. Taylor,
Deputy Harbormaster/Mooring Officer
Council Liaison: None

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes for July 23, 2019 “approved”. One revision was requested by Paul Everson to add “Not Approved” to Sands, Carlton NOI. A motion was made by Jack Meade to accept the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Peter Cross.

Notice of Intent (NOI):

1. 1. Assembly Required, LLC and Barnstable Land Trust, Main Street and East Bay Road, Osterville, MA, multiple locations, Little Parker’s Pond Restoration project. **Not voted on by the Waterways Committee due to no navigation in this area.**
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3. 2. Sands, Carlton C, Jr and Christine A., 4 Bay Shore Road, Hyannis, MA 02632, Map 326/Parcel 082 Revised plans for proposed pier, ramp and float. **Not Approved by Waterways Committee. Mr. Meade opened the meeting to public comment. Public Comment was made by Captain Monteiro from Steamship Authority and Bob Davis from Steamship Authority. Both parties did not support the project due to navigational constraints in that area.**

WWC & Harbormaster Staff do not support this project. The proposed seasonal dock could create a hazard to navigation and is a safety concern. The engineer will be meeting with clients and may present new plans at a future WWC meeting.

Mooring Appeals:

1. McIntosh, Stephen A, Cotuit, COC/40: missed the renewal deadline
Withdrawn. Mr. McIntosh will be giving up mooring and his right to appeal.

Old Business:

1. Mooring Field Reconfiguration

The four (4) year plan to reorganize the Hyannisport Mooring Field will be moving forward and beginning fall 2019. Mr. Taylor is meeting with mooring servicers AGL and A&B to talk about the first phase of the plan. An email will be generated and sent to mooring permit holders in Hyannisport regarding the new location(s) of their moorings in the phase one.

New Business:

1. Nickson, Charlene and Chuck: regarding mooring permit for barge owned by Beacon Marine in Cotuit/Cordwood Mooring field.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickson made a presentation to the Waterways Committee addressing Beacon Marine Construction, LLC (Beacon Marine) barge/crane in Cotuit. They believe that the commercial barge and crane should not be in this location (Cordwood Mooring Field) due to its negative visual effects. The Waterways Committee as a whole believes the need for commercial moorings exists in the Town of Barnstable. Mr. and Mrs. Nickson would like the barge to be stored at another Town they service. The Waterways Committee does not believe there is another location for the barge to be stored in the Town of Barnstable. Councilor Jessica Rapp Grassetti was present and spoke at the meeting. She supports the Nickson's right to discuss this matter at the Waterways Committee. The Councilor also, supports commercial usage for moorings. She did offer another location for the barge (Cotuit Town Dock) and ask a few questions pertaining to policy, regulations and permitting. Mr. Everson asked Beacon to comment on the situation. Beacon Marine (Chris Hagerty) and their attorney were present and commented on the matter. Their attorney mentioned letters of support from water front home owners and private companies in the area (on record). He also mentioned locations Beacon Marine currently services and works for. Beacon Marine also believes that no matter where the barge is located it will be an issue. Mr. Meade asked if the Harbormasters office would be willing to look at a new location for a barge. Mr. Taylor communicated that most of the mooring fields located throughout three bays have waiting lists. If there are locations available they should be offered to the next person on the waiting list. The Harbormasters office has been working on this matter for the past few years and believes this is the best location for the barge. The discussion was then open to public comment by Mr. Meade. Mr. Peter Murray believes that changing the location of the mooring is not needed and that the barge

is part of the Town. He stated “it has been used to service and salvage vessels in the area”. Jen Singer a property owner in the area asked where was the work happening and also asked that we store the barge and crane in front of the residents that support it. This matter will be discussed in house at the Harbormasters office and the Waterways Committee takes it under advisement.

2. Transient Moorings Discussion

Mr. Taylor stated that the Harbormasters office has been working for the past few years on a pilot program for Transient Moorings. The proposed locations of these moorings will be Fish Hills, Lewis Bay, and Cotuit. There will be shore side facilities for dinghies and/or small vessels that they can be tied up to. A detailed plan will be presented to waterways in the near future. The locations in the mooring fields will be the locations of the current Harbormaster moorings with the exception of Fish Hills. There would be a maximum of a 7 day stay. We will be reassessing the situation and possibly adding more transient moorings in the near future if the pilot program is successful. Laura Opie from Pecks Boats asked how many Transient Moorings Crosby’s Yacht Yard has and how much they charged. Mr. Taylor did not know off the top of his head. The Harbormasters office will be advertising to get the word out to boaters outside of Barnstable. Mr. Everson asked if the Town would be open to allowing individuals moorings to be rented if not being used. Mr. Taylor stated there are already special event permits that allow this usage. Ned Crosby was present and discussed how they have used the special event permit this past summer and its positive effect. He also stated that the transient moorings they (Crosby’s) currently have are used a lot. He believes it’s a great idea the Town is rolling out. Mr. Taylor stated the current regulations allow for this transient rental charge currently.

Correspondence: None

Harbor Master Report: Mr. Taylor stated that Sept 15th through May 15th life jackets are required to be worn while on/in a kayak or any vessel of that nature.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion by Peter Cross at 8:42PM was made to end the meeting at. It was seconded by Robert Hazelton and the meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Taylor, Deputy Harbormaster/Mooring Officer (10/22/2019)