



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes June 25, 2024

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 7:03 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; Greg Egan; Gary Shramek; Todd Walantis

Board Members absent: None (Currently one vacancy)

Town Staff present: Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster (DHM); Pam Swider-Cohen, MEA Principal Department Assistant

Town Council Liaison Present: Paul Neary

Public present: Roy Oku, Roger Heald, Bob Connor, Becca Horn, Stephen

II. Meeting Minutes:

1. May 21, 2024, Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes **A motion was made by Todd Walantis and seconded by Greg Egan to approve the May 21, 2024, meeting minutes as written; all in favor of accepting minutes as written.**

III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

2. Kathleen K and Wallace S Grove, Trustees, 944 Main Street, Cotuit, MA 02635, Map 035/094. The applicant proposes to replace the existing concrete bulkhead which is failing with a vinyl bulkhead. The plan is to raise the bulkhead one foot higher than the existing bulkhead to improve storm damage protection. Approximately 5-foot returns will be provided at each end connecting the adjacent walls. A small concrete groin that is deteriorating will be removed. **DHM Horn stated the location is near the Cotuit Town Dock and does not have any issue with navigation in the plan to rebuild the existing bulkhead footprint. Members by roll call vote are all in favor of the project as written.**

1. Lukatsky, Edward and Lana, 129 Hayes Road, Centerville, MA 02632, Map 210/095. The applicant proposes to permit an existing seasonal pier configuration which has been modified from SE3-2195. Originally approved for 3' X 68.5'. The existing seasonal

pier sections have a total length of 70' with a portion overlapping the existing steps and wall. DHM Horn stated that the pier will not be any further out as it is overlapping the existing stairs. Members by roll call vote are all in favor of the project as written.

IV. Mooring Appeals:

1. Heald, Roger RF/23: Did not renew 2024 by the deadline; permitted since 2021.*
Chairman Everson stated that if this is the first time missing the deadline we do reinstate you with the warning to not let it happen again as we do have a waiting list for many people asked if anyone had a prior occurrence as no one did, he stated that with the agreement of the Committee members and the Harbormaster all appeal applicants of the one strike policy and to mark it on their calendars to get it done every year. All appeals were approved for reinstatement by the Committee members.

V. Old Business:

1. Mooring regulations DHM Horn stated that we do not have an update as we are waiting to hear back from the Town Manager.
2. Marina fees – August in person workshop date needs to be set **Chairman Everson suggested the date of August 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM to have time before the next regular meeting. It works for the members as well as the Harbormaster. This will be an in-person meeting at the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601**

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Kite boarding access at Kalmus Beach Roy Okurowski states that kite boarders are requesting access to the water to launch and retrieve their kite board. They do not kite at the beach; they are further out in the water. Currently they may only do so after the lifeguards have left for the day. This has been done safely for over 20 years. The windsurfers do have access at the end of Kalmus Beach all day. He stated that unlike windsurfers, kite boarders are not allowed the same access. Chairman Everson asked DHM Jay Horn stated for full disclosure he is a kite boarder as is his wife and they have been since 2002. Wind surfing is allowed at Kalmus. There is a no kite flying rule at Kalmus. That was put into effect due to the stunt kites and the protection of the piping plovers which are on the opposite side of the beach. We have approached the Department of Beach and Recreation. They wanted us to come before the Waterways to discuss the issues of Navigation. Currently the Town of Barnstable is the only Town that allows windsurfers, but not kite boarders. Chairman Everson discussed the process of the windsurfers gaining the access through meetings like this. Everson stated he is in support, Walantis is in support, Greg Egan is in support of recreation on the water and is concerned if traffic on the water becomes an issue. Also, why is this population being excluded? Gary Shramek is in favor. The Committee members are in favor with regulations for safe navigation.**
2. Discussion regarding Sandy Neck resident temporary landing dock in Barnstable Harbor* **Shramek stated he was approached by a resident of the Sandy Neck Cottage Colony. There is a slip at Barnstable Harbor for short term tie ups. An individual has been using it as their individual slip. Tying up at 7 am until 5 pm. DH Horn stated it**

is meant for short term tie up. We are considering setting a time limit for the use. It must be a small vessel, usually a 17-to-18-foot vessel. Horn stated approximately 20 mooring permits are issued for the Sandy Neck property owners. For someone to run to BJ's or Barnstable Market to purchase supplies or to go out to lunch is what it is meant for not for the entire day. A 3-hour time limit may be a solution. If someone needs it for the day, perhaps getting a mooring at Millway is a better solution. Walantis states that he thinks keeping the restriction to be the same as other locations throughout the Town is best for continuity. Chairman Everson thinks the Sandy Neck Slip is a unique situation. DH Horn stated that Dockmasters are going to be monitoring it. He will discuss it further with Harbor Master Taylor. The time limits have not been discussed yet. Shramek suggested reaching out to the Sandy Neck Colony owners for their input as well. If longer time is needed a suggestion was made for renting a transient slip.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Roy Okurowski, WRS Engineering LLC, support of kiteboarding access at Kalmus Beach
2. Frank Merola, Marstons Mills resident, support of kiteboarding access at Kalmus Beach.*
3. Stephen E Tise Jr, Hyannis resident, support of kiteboarding access at Kalmus Beach.*

VIII. Harbormaster Report: DHM Horn stated he was heading to a drill at Sandy Neck and would not have HM Report tonight.

IX. Matters not reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None

X. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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