



# Town of Barnstable

## Waterways Committee

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### Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes January 24, 2023

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee was held via Zoom due to the Governor's orders regarding COVID19 on January 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 Channel 18 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, Peter Cross, Greg Egan, Todd Walantis, Gary Shramek

Board Members absent: None

Town Staff present: Derek Lawson, MEA Director, Brian Taylor, Harbormaster, Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster (DH), Pam Swider-Cohen, Principal Department Assistant

Town Counsel Liaison absent: Paul Neary

Public: Arlene Wilson of A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc., Charles Monteiro, Kim Gallagher, P Hennessy, Bob Davis of Steam Ship Authority, Mark Amundsen, Brian O'Neill of Dunbar Point, LLC, L.J. Gallagher of Anchor & Buoy Marine

#### II. Meeting Minutes:

1. November 22, 2022 Waterways Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Greg Egan and seconded by Gary Shramek to approve the minutes as written; all voted in favor to accept minutes as written.

#### III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

1. Jacobson, Jonathan J and Mathias, Donna M, 340 Hollidge Lane, Marstons Mills, MA 02648, Map 081/Parcel 010. The applicants propose to repair or replace existing stairs and to construct and maintain a seasonal pier.  
**DH Horn stated the property is located on Middle Pond and the Harbormaster does not have any objection as it is not a hazard to navigation. By roll call vote; Gary Shramek-yes, Greg Egan-yes, Paul Everson-yes; vote passes in favor of the project with the majority vote; Peter Cross did not vote due to a temporary technical issue.**
2. Home Port Investments, LLC, 9 Indian Trail, Osterville, MA 02655, Map 091/Parcel 015.  
Applicant proposes to replace the existing failing timber bulkhead with a vinyl bulkhead.  
**After a brief discussion, all members voted in favor of the project by a roll call vote, Peter Cross - yes, Gary Shramek - yes, Greg Egan in favor, Todd Walantis in favor, Paul Everson - yes.**
3. Martin, Shawn D, Trustee, the 310 North Bay Road Realty Trust, 310 North Bay Road, Osterville, MA 02655, Map 72/Parcel 5. The Applicant proposes to convert a seasonal pier to a permanent, pile supported pier in the same footprint as the existing pier. No changes are

proposed to the ramp and float which will continue to be stored off-site in the off-season. The float is currently anchored with permanent piles. **Arlene Wilson of A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc. is present and represents this project. After a brief discussion all members voted in favor of the project by a roll call vote, Peter Cross-yes, Gary Shramek-yes, Greg Egan in favor, Todd Walantis in favor, Paul Everson-yes.**

4. McParland, Stephen M & Beth F, Trustees, 150 Carriage Road, Osterville, MA 02655, Map 71/Parcel 15-3. Applicants propose to construct a pile supported dinghy dock with kayak rack and an end platform rather than a float. **Present is Arlene Wilson of A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc. who is representing this project. After discussion all members voted in favor of the project by a roll call vote, Peter Cross-yes, Gary Shramek-yes, Greg Egan in favor, Todd Walantis in favor, Paul Everson-yes.**
5. Collins, Marc A and Tobey S, 142 Willow Run Drive, Centerville, MA 02632, Map 210/Parcel 068. The applicants propose to replace and expand the existing timber pier with a seasonal aluminum pier. The proposed pier will be similar in length to the abutting pier. The pier will be removed and stored upland. The design of the pier incorporates lateral access stairs. **After discussion all members voted by roll call vote, Peter Cross-yes, Gary Shramek-yes, Greg Egan in favor, Todd Walantis in favor, Paul Everson-yes; all members voted in favor of the project.**
6. Layton, John and Pamela, 592 Poponessett Road, Cotuit, MA 02635, Map 007/Parcel 003. The applicants propose to construct and maintain stairs, a timber boardwalk, pier, ramp and float. The proposed pier is for non-motorized vessels only. The applicants are seeking a waiver of Ch. 237, so that the proposed pier can be located where the existing path is and not in the center of the applicants' lot. **After discussion all members voted by roll call vote, Peter Cross-yes, Gary Shramek-yes, Greg Egan in favor, Todd Walantis in favor, Paul Everson-yes; all members voted in favor of the project.**

#### **IV. Mooring Appeals:**

1. Mooring; Denied Change of Vessel request: HP/80, O'Neill, Brian for 80 foot Palmer Johnson sailboat **Horn stated the guidelines, which the Committee labored over, set the maximum length vessel for the Hyannisport Mooring field to 55 feet. Brian O'Neill present and representing himself stated he has extensively searched for berth for this 80 foot vessel with no luck. He previously kept a 110 foot vessel at anchor in the federal anchorage area. He stated that L.J. Gallagher of Anchor & Buoy is also present. Shramek is in support of maintaining the guidelines as space is limited. Egan asked DH Horn is there room in this mooring field for this vessel. Guidelines aside; DH Horn said "I do not know where I would place an 80 ft. vessel". Cross, No; Shramek, No: maintain current guidelines; Egan recused himself from the vote; Walantis, No; Everson, No. The Committee is in support of DH Horn's denial of the change of vessel request.**

#### **V. Old Business:**

1. Mooring regulations **Harbormaster Taylor would like to keep this on the agenda as it will be coming soon.**
  1. Marina fees **Harbormaster Taylor is close to presenting fees and will hold meetings to discuss the proposed changes by Marina. He would like slip holders to be able to respond.**

2. 2023 Meeting Dates: need a vote to approve **The Committee voted in favor of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM via Zoom with the exception of December 26 which we will change to December 19<sup>th</sup>. Approved**

#### **VI. New Business:**

1. Request for Amendment to the Agreement between the Town of Barnstable and Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority\* **Bob Davis, General Manager of the Steamship Authority, along with members of his management team as well as Robert Jones - Barnstable representative are present. SSA is looking for an increase in the length of the vessels allowed per agreement with the Town. New used off shore vessels have been purchased to replace the aging vessels of the SSA fleet. Currently the agreement with the Town is 235 feet in length, requesting to increase to 245 feet per the Naval Architect's design to modify and to keep the space on the freight deck along with the dedicated pathway to the emergency marine evacuation system on the port and starboard of the vessels. Davis stated the upgrades to newer tier diesel engines and the increase in horse power of the bow thrusters will make the vessels easily maneuverable and with fewer emissions. Mr. Jones discussed the past history of the agreement with the Town as well as the need to run supplies to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. The big question is can we expand the boats to 245 feet from the 235 feet agreement? Harbormaster Taylor has no issues with the proposal of the ten foot increase. Director of Marine Environmental Affairs, Derek Lawson, stated the Town Manager is looking for a recommendation from the Waterways Committee on this matter which will need to go before the Town Counsel for their vote. What is the draft of these vessels? Mark Amundsen stated that no increase in draft, whether at 235 ft. or 245 ft., it will remain at 10.5' draft. Cross has a concern about increased traffic and shoaling in the Lewis Bay Mooring fields. Shramek has no issue with the increase in length just the shoaling concerns. Egan feels the new vessels will not increase shoaling, sees positives for the Town, ease of maneuverability, lower of emissions and increase safety to the passengers. Walantis in favor of it. Everson has concerns of shoaling from any large vessel in the mooring fields. Walantis is in favor. As a committee in favor of the request to amend the size of the vessels to 245 feet; concerns with shoaling from displacement of large vessels, happy to see the safety features and the modernizing of the engines to increase maneuverability and decrease emissions.**

#### **VII. Correspondence:**

2. Hearing for renewal of aquaculture grant for Philip Boudreau, 265 South Main Street, Centerville, MA 02632. (Hearing took place on 1/4/2023) **As the meeting for December was cancelled, this is noted for public record.**

#### **VIII. Harbormaster Report:**

**DH Horn reported prior years 2016-2020 2300 mooring permits were issued, 2021 increased to 2450 mooring permits issued and in 2022 a total of 2519 moorings permits were issued. In 2022 109 people came off the wait list. In 2022, we had the first online lottery which raised \$38,545.00 for the Town.**

#### **IX. Matters not reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None**

**X. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Todd Walantis and seconded by Peter Cross; unanimously voted by roll call to approve the motion to adjourn at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Swider-Cohen, Principal Department Assistant