



# Town of Barnstable

## Waterways Committee

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### Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023

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 7:13 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; Peter Cross; Greg Egan; Gary Shramek; Todd Walantis

Board Members absent: None

Town Staff present: Brian Taylor, Harbormaster; Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster/Mooring Officer; Pam Swider-Cohen, Principal Department Assistant

Town Counsel Liaison absent: Paul Neary

Public: None

#### II. Meeting Minutes:

1. July 25, 2023, Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes: **A motion was made by Todd Walantis and seconded by Peter Cross to approve the July 25, 2023 meeting minutes as written; all in favor to accept minutes as written.**
2. August 29, 2023, Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes: **A motion was made by Gary Shramek and seconded by Todd Walantis to approve the meeting minutes with the correction noted by Chairman Everson that he approved the mooring appeal; all in favor with the correction.**

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

1. Walters, Graham R & Lisa C, 38 Washington Avenue, Osterville, MA 02655 MAP 162/Parcel 002. The applicants propose to construct a timber pier, permit an existing sandy area, and rebuild a retaining wall. **The Committee discussed this NOI which DH Horn presented. He stated the plan has a 40 foot pier which is of similar size to the others in the area. A motion to approve this application was made by Peter Cross and seconded by Gary Shramek; all in favor.**

#### IV. Mooring Appeals: None

#### V. Old Business:

1. Mooring regulations; September 26, 2023, Workshop **Harbormaster Taylor stated the workshop discussion went well and he would like to see it continued as would the Committee Members. Scheduled the next Waterways Workshop to continue the discussion of the updated Mooring Regulations for Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 6:30 PM for 1 hour.**

2. Marina fees, Proposal of New Fee Structure: **Harbormaster Taylor continues to discuss the proposed Marina fee changes in the office as well as with Waterways. Harbormaster Taylor reviewed the variations of fees charged and how different they are at each Marina. Some are by location fees and others are charged per foot fees. Harbormaster Taylor is proposing to have the same prices per foot at each Marina with the only exception for the Small Craft slips at Barnstable Harbor Marina. There will be separate resident and non-resident fees, but they will be consistent across all Marinas. The miscellaneous fees charged with their proposed fee increases were presented to the Committee as well. More vessels are utilizing the slips in the winter, and they use more electricity. To increase fees, they must be presented to the Town Manager who then holds a public hearing. If approved by the Town Manager, the fees would go into effect on January 1, 2024. Harbormaster Taylor stated that at this time he will be retracting the proposal to increase the Marina fees for January 1, 2024. After further discussion in house, Harbormaster Taylor will take more time to inform the public. He will plan to hold a public meeting to discuss the future proposed price increases. Peter Cross has concerns that the Marina Program would not be able to cover its costs. Gary Shramek recommends showing the fees of the private marinas for the comparison as well as helping the slip holders to understand the Marina program is a whole, not just one marina. Harbormaster Taylor stated the Marina is in good financial standing but needs to prepare for what is anticipated to come. As the Marinas age and with the increased use, repairs and upgrades are inevitable. The cost of these repairs is increasing as is the cost of electricity. Greg Egan is in support of the Harbormaster allowing more time for the public to be informed. Todd Walantis asked for the time frame anticipated for the institution of the proposed fee schedule. Harbormaster Taylor stated he would expect to see the proposed increases for January of 2025 if the Town Manager were to approve it.**

**VI. New Business: None**

**VII. Correspondence:**

1. Hearing for the renewal of aquaculture grant for Les Hemmila, 98 Governor's Way, Barnstable, MA 02630. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023.  
**Read into the meeting to inform the public.**

**VIII. Harbormaster Report:**

**DH Horn stated he will be holding an online mooring lottery to add names to four Mooring Wait Lists: Centerville River, East Bay, North Bay, North Bay Channel. Tentatively, it will be launched on October 16, 2023 and will end October 30<sup>th</sup> at midnight. It will be online, a press release will go out, and it will be on the Town's social media. The drawing will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. People may apply from the home page of the Town of Barnstable's website.**

*(Official Town of Barnstable's web address is in the heading of this page)*

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

**X. Adjournment:**

**There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Peter Cross and seconded by Gary Shramek; all in favor of approving the motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM.**

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

(Next meeting is October 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM via Zoom; workshop on November 2, 2023, at 6:30PM)