



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Workshop September 26, 2023

The Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee held a Workshop on September 26, 2023 via Zoom at 6:30 PM. The meeting of the Waterways Committee shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation as approved by the Town Manager with the Committee's approval. It will be held remotely via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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

Board Members absent: Gary Shramek

Town Staff present: Brian Taylor, Harbormaster; Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster (DH); Alicia Lauzon, MEA Administrative Assistant

Town Counsel Liaison absent: Paul Neary

Public: None

II. WORKSHOP:

1. Mooring Regulations **The Waterways Committee along with the Harbormaster Brian Taylor and Deputy Harbormaster/Mooring Officer Jay Horn discussed some changes needed for the Town's Mooring Regulations. HM Taylor stated this workshop is to review and update the mooring regulations. DH/MO Jay Horn stated he would like to update the regulations to remove and adjust items needed for the program. Section 406-6. Mooring Tag: he stated we no longer use the tags so it would make sense to remove this item. Section 406-16. Waiting List Procedures, he would like to change the deadline date for renewal to coincide with the deadline for Mooring Permit renewal of February 28th. The times would change as well. With an online system we can now allow an online renewal up to midnight with in-person renewal to remain the office hours of by 4:15 PM as that is the close of business. Another small change, more to office procedure, is to have the renewal process begin on the first business day of the new year. Another change DHM Horn would like to propose is regarding appropriate vessels registered to Mooring Permits. His concern is the people who permit a kayak or dinghy to a mooring for multiple years. He refers to it as a place holder. Some discussion and regulation of what vessel may be registered is needed. With the Small Vessel Storage Program vessels less than**

twelve feet in length have a place which does not require a mooring. Another change he would like to suggest is to allow a mooring permit transfer once per calendar year as opposed to the current once every 365 days. The committee discussed concerns. DH/MO Horn would like to discuss merging the mooring fields of Barnstable Harbor Main with Barnstable Harbor Main East. It would require redefining it with the Army Corp of Engineers. There are only five people on the closed wait list for Barnstable Harbor Main who never take a mooring when offered. If the fields are combined it would be by the date applied. The vessel size guidelines is 40 foot maximum. The committee members discuss removing people who pass. Other comments stated the names on the list do not take the opportunity away from the next person on the list. Due to the time restraint, the workshop was closed.

2. Marina Fees, Proposal of new fee structure

X. Adjournment:

There being no more time, this meeting was closed at 7:02 pm. The committee needed to log off to begin the regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Swider-Cohen, Principal Department Assistant