



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting March 23, 2021 Meeting

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 via Zoom due to the Governor's orders regarding COVID19 on March 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman John Meade.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Chairman, John Meade, Paul Everson, Peter Cross, Robert Hazelton and Frederick Komenda

Board Members absent: NONE

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

Council Liaison Present: Paul C. Neary (7:05)

Public: Charles Rowland of Sullivan Engineering, Veasey Jackson, Daniel Stewart, Douglas Crook Jr, Steven Cohen (7:20)

II. Meeting Minutes

1. Meetings minutes of December 8, 2020 *Motion made by Komenda and seconded by Everson; all in favor to approve the minutes for December 8, 2020.*
2. Meeting minutes of January 26, 2021 *Motion made by Cross and seconded by Hazelton; all in favor to approve the minutes for January 26, 2021.*
3. Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2021 *Motion made by Everson and seconded by Hazelton; all in favor to approve the minutes for February 26, 2021.*

III. Notices of Intent (NOI)

1. Cohen, Steven, 209 Bay LLC, 209 Bay Street, Osterville, MA 02655 Map 117/Parcel 158. The applicant proposes to build and maintain a timber boardwalk, pier, ramp and float (continued from February 26, 2021).

This project is represented by Charles Rowland of Sullivan Engineering Company. The project as proposed is to build and maintain a timber boardwalk, pier, ramp and float. No variances or waivers are requested. The pier is in line with the piers situated to the north and south of the property. Listed as Exhibit #1 is the letter written and shown during the Waterways Committee Meeting by Mr. Rowland. Horn and Taylor provided drone footage to view the location and the distance it would be located in proximity to the channel. The Committee discussed at length the location and water depths of the planned site.

No objections by roll call

2. Sexton, Raymond J & Kristin S, 573 Santuit Road, Cotuit, MA 02635, Map 117/Parcel 158. The applicants propose to construct and maintain stairs, a timber boardwalk, pier, ramp and float. The proposed pier is for non-motorized vessels only. *Represented by Chuck Roland of Sullivan Engineering, he stated that the property is located in the norther section of Shoestring Bay. The proposed pier is for non-motorized vessels only. The pier will come out 50 feet from Mean Low Water and has less than ten inches of water.*

No objections by roll call.

IV. Mooring Appeals: Stewart, Harriet, WEQ/63; Non-designated area; last renewed in 2014.

Ms Stewart was represented by her son Daniel who stated that due to process being handled by his 88 year old mother, the mooring permit was not renewed and he was not aware it had been so many years.

Horn stated mooring has not been placed nor has it been replaced by another mooring, but if it is approved Ms. Stewart would be responsible for all the back fees. Cross is concerned with the length of time that an appeal may be heard.

Perhaps it could be a discussion for a workshop.

No objections by roll call.

V. Old Business

1. FY2021 Transient Mooring Locations.

Horn stated due to the support of Waterways Committee and in the interest of getting a greater number of people on the water, he had success in contacting the Army Corp of Engineers and has begun the application process for the additional Transient mooring locations. Once the process is completed, the Town Moorings in Cotuit Bay, Lewis Bay as well as two on the north side in Barnstable Harbor will help to get more residents and visitors to Barnstable on the water and support the local businesses. The nightly fee is \$40.00 and reservations will be able to be made via the online program in season. Currently the time limit is no longer than seven days use of the transient mooring. Maximum size of vessel will depend on the location and the gear.

2. Kayaks and dinghies registered to moorings.

Horn is interested in establishing minimum vessel size guidelines for the mooring fields. In reviewing the vessels during the renewal season, Horn has noted 250 moorings with vessels under 12 feet. Some are legitimate vessels that would require a mooring; vessels with engines or keels. But, kayaks are not vessels that require a mooring. Kayaks and other vessels 12 feet and under may be stored on the Town Ways to Water with the Small Vessel Storage Permit. The Committee wanted to hold a workshop and Horn requested the Committee to pick a date for the workshop. The date which was selected is April 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

VI. New Business

1. Crook, Douglas E, 11 Calvin Hamblin Road, Marstons Mills, MA 02648: Renewal of aquaculture license; Town Manager to hold a public hearing via Zoom on April 6, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Crook stated his license #1602 in Barnstable Harbor is expiring as his five year license is up and he is up for the ten year license renewal. He is on the water almost every day of the summer and would like to discuss with the Harbormaster some ideas he has regarding moorings.

2. Potential Lotteries: Mooring Wait Lists

Horn stated he would like to discuss the low numbers on some wait lists as he would like to add more names. Committee agrees to add this item to the upcoming workshop. Cross would like to add discussion of the potential for a three strike rule.

VII. Correspondence: None.

VIII. Harbormaster Report:

Horn stated he has permitted 2,196 permits to date and around 2300 were permitted last year, 104 away from breaking eve. With 60 applications have been sent to people from the Wait Lists so far, we are getting there. Horn stated 400 Small Vessel Storage Permits have been issued so far. We removed the pile covers and ropes from the dock today. Dock Day is April 15th.

IX. Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By the Chair: *None*

X. Adjournment:

There being no further business the Waterways Committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve a motion made by Komenda and seconded by Cross to adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Swider-Cohen, Principal Department Assistant