



Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting October 09, 2018 Minutes

Chairman:
John Meade

Committee Members:
Frederick Komenda
Paul Everson
Robert Hazelton
Peter Cross

Council Liaison:
Paul C. Neary

A special meeting of the Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee was held on October 09, 2018 at Town Hall - Selectman's Conference Room, Hyannis MA.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jack Meade who verified a quorum was present.

Only order of business was newly purposed mooring fees.

Assistant Harbormaster/Supervisor, Derek Lawson (Lawson) and Assistant Harbormaster/Mooring Officer, Brian Taylor (Taylor) addressed the Waterways Committee and brought forth a proposal to increasing mooring fees to cover the direct and indirect cost of the mooring program.

The committee as a whole wanted to know why there was no purposed increase in the \$50.00 late fee. Committee Member Peter Cross suggested the fee be doubled to \$100.00. No motion was made on this matter. Mr. Cross would also like to see the neighboring towns mooring fees.

Chairman Jack Meade and Paul Everson discussed their thoughts on charging a fee based on vessel size. Lawson discussed how charging by vessel size could increase paperwork and enforcement due to the amount of moorings and mooring fields in the Town of Barnstable. Taylor spoke briefly about how the mooring permitting process and enforcement is the same regardless of the size of vessel. Committee member, Peter Cross and Bob Hazelton spoke about the limited space we have in mooring fields and how a graduated fee could possibly benefit the Town of Barnstable. Laura Opie (citizen) was present and communicated her ideas and support for the Harbormasters office reasoning for the proposed mooring fee increase. Laura Opie asked how we would get the word out to the public if the fees were initiated. The Town of Barnstable has an open fee hearing and many forms of notifications informing the public of upcoming fee changes.

Motion:

A motion was made by Ted Komenda to accept the newly purposed increase in mooring fees. It was second by Robert Hazelton. Then voted on.

Vote:

Aye: (4) Jack Meade, Peter Cross, Ted Komenda and Bob Hazelton

Nay: (1) Paul Everson

Lawson and Taylor proposed a new vessel storage fee at all town operated landings. This fee would cover the vessels under the regulation: storage of vessels (dinghies kayak, etc.) Paul Everson asked if the fees could legally be enforced. Lawson communicate they could and have been worked out with the legal department in the Town of Barnstable. These new fees will help identify vessel owners. Stickers will be provided individuals much like the mooring program.

Motion:

A motion was made by Ted Komenda to accept the newly purposed vessel storage fees. It was seconded by Paul Everson. Then voted on.

Vote:

Aye: (5) Jack Meade, Peter Cross, Ted Komenda, Bob Hazelton and Paul Everson

Nay: None

Laura Opie brought up discussion about transient moorings. She inquired about renting moorings and the town getting income from such service. Mr. Cross suggested she put together a proposal and share it with the Harbormasters office. The committee talked about transient moorings and how they have discussed this matter in the past. Taylor described the enforcement aspect of transient moorings as well as the waiting list we already have established. The Harbormaster office has discussed transient moorings in the Fish Hills mooring area. Mr. Everson spoke about using mooring permit holder's moorings and the town collecting a fee when that person is not on the mooring. This matter will be discussed in future meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Taylor, Assistant Harbormaster/Mooring Officer

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