



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes September 24, 2024

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 7:03 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; Greg Egan, Gary Shramek; Todd Walantis

Board Members absent: None

Town Staff present: Harbormaster (HM) Brian Taylor, Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster (DHM), Pam Swider-Cohen, MEA Principal Department Assistant

Town Council Liaison Absent: Paul Neary

Public present: CGW Brendin Bricklin, Sandra Breda, Matthew Brooks, D. Del Tufo, PE, Christine Perron of McFarlan-Johnson, Inc, Dan Del Tufo, PE of Appledore Marine Engineering, LLC, Robert Lawson, Rebecca Teague, Seth Wilkenson CERP, Peggy Rowland, NE Drowland, Susie Rowland, Dennis Valenti, Bill Carey, Charles Coakley, Rick Shechtman, Peter Eleftherakis, Mathew Dagher, Mark Hansen, Wjvar, Mary Moquin, Lori Anderson, Sharon, Bill, Molly Rowland

II. Meeting Minutes:

1. August 27, 2024 Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes **A motion was made by Greg Egan and seconded by Todd Walantis to approve the August 27, 2024, meeting minutes as written: all in favor of accepting minutes as written.**

III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

1. Joseph Jenkins Trustee, Bluff Point 1999 Trust Number 2, 128 Bluff Point Drive, Cotuit, MA 02635, Map/Plat 034/069. The applicant proposes to remove dislodged fiber rolls from the 2014 project, install a 290 linear foot fiber roll array along the eroding portion of the coast and nourishment with compatible sediment over the fiber rolls to the beach area, relocation of the existing deck and utilities adjacent to the access

steps to the beach, removal and replacement of the access steps for the fiber roll installation all associated clearing, grading and landscaping required for the proposed work. **Represented by Seth Wilkinson, CER designers of the Wilkinson Ecological Design, Inc. on behalf of Tim Santos, PE of Merrill Inc, Engineers and Land Surveyors, he stated that all the work will be above the Mean High-Water line. Seth stated that the storms last winter did in the fiber roll array which had an expected service life of 7-10 years. With the dredge work that has been done and more water coming in and out, it managed to last for 10 years. We are proposing to install a slightly taller fiber roll array to accommodate the current circumstances. The current design standard has a lifetime of 15-20 years. Chairman Everson stated the project is entirely land based and does not extend into the water and is just retaining the bank which was confirmed by Mr. Wilkinson. Greg Egan made a motion to accept the project as presented, seconded by Todd Walantis and all in favor.**

2. Ludin, Lev, 21 Scottsdale Road, Centerville, MA 02632, Map 229/Parcel 64. Applicant proposes to construct a 4' X 54' seasonal dock with 6' X 18' seasonal "L" to provide berthing for the owner's pontoon boat. The pier is a semi-prefabricated structure with wood or composite decking set in a metal frame. Sets of aluminum legs with 12" diameter stabilizing pads are provided at the end of each 6' pier section. Sections of the structure may be stored on the landward most two pier sections or in a suitable upland location in the off season. Installation and removal are done by hand. The pier will connect to the end of the recently authorized slope access stairs. **DHM Jay Horn stated that the project to install the 54' seasonal dock is similar in size to the neighbors on Long Pond and Harbormaster had no issues with the project. Todd Walantis made a motion to approve the project as presented, seconded by Gary Shrameck, all in favor.**
3. Carosotto, Michael, United States Coast Guard, Barnstable, Latitude 41*35' 49.654'N/Longitude 070*21'03.979'W. The proposed project involves repairs, removal, and replacement of existing aid to navigation structures in multiple municipalities. Two locations are in Barnstable, each consisting of remnant riprap mounds that once supported in-service navigational aids. Both riprap mounds will be removed permanently to below MLLW (mean lower low water). Collier Ledge Isolated Danger VAIS is a remnant mound of riprap located at a naturally shoaled area of the Nantucket Sound. Southwest Rock Day beacon (41* 36' 26.600 N, 70* 19' 10.754" W) is a failed ATON near the south coast of Barnstable in Nantucket Sound. **Christine Perron of consulting firm McFarlan-Johnson, Inc and Dan Del Tufo, PE of Appledore Marine Engineering, LLC representing the USCG for this project. Two mounds of riprap in the Town of Barnstable placed to support aids to navigation will be removed. In 2004 the Colier Ledge rocks were man made. The proposed projects will remove 2700 sq ft of stone at Colliers ledge and 4500 square feet of stone at the southwest rock beacon. Chairman Everson asked about the removal of the rock to**

the east of the southwest rock. Dan Del Tufo stated they are contractually obligated to property of the Coast Guard. That rock in question is not Coast Guard property therefore it will not be removed as part of this project. Greg Egan has concerns of no navigational markers being there, that it may be a navigational issue. Chairman Everson is also concerned due to the markers being there historically, would it be an issue for navigation? Will riprap be removed down to the bottom? Egan stated he would like it to have a stipulation that navigation aids be there. The intent of the Work is to remove the hazards in the waterway. The aids to navigation will remain. HM Taylor stated that they will work closely with the Coast Guard with regards to aids to navigation to be sure things are marked. Dates to be determined are not set yet, but anticipated time of the work is in 2025. Shramek in favor with the stipulation of the aids to navigation being placed. Egan stated he too wants the aids to navigation in place, but it is not in the current proposal, in favor with the HM providing the aids. Walantis in favor, Chairman Everson in favor.

IV. Mooring Appeals:

1. Susie Wright Rowland, Mooring Transfer Requests Denied: DP/14 to her granddaughter Molly H. Rowland and WB/095 to her grandson Edward F. S. Rowland due to the death of her son, their father. Ms Rowland is present as well as Molly Rowland. **Chairman Everson stated that a similar circumstance has been approved previously, he is in support of the approval of the transfer of the two moorings, all in favor.**

V. Old Business:

1. Mooring regulations **DHM Horn stated that we do not have an update as we are waiting to hear back from the Town Manager.**
2. Marina fees - Proposed Marina Fees: **HM Taylor presented the 2025 slip rate proposed fees. He stated that this is not a fee hearing. The Town Manager will hold a public fee hearing that is currently set for November 12, 2024, but subject to change. Public comment is usually open for thirty days after the hearing. Public comment is welcomed. HM Taylor stated this proposal is for all aspects of the Marina Enterprise including slip contract fees, transient slip fees, electrical fees, and commercial off-load fees. After careful consideration of the comments from both Marina Fee Workshops, Waterways Meetings and Committee members comments, adjustments to the original fee proposal have been made. Other considerations for the proposed fees were the enterprise account reserves, debt services and estimated Capital Improvement Projects. This new fee structure will help to improve the per slip parity issues and some minimum size concerns, but these fees do not cover the projected debt services. HM Taylor reviewed the fees listed. He noted some changes at Barnstable Harbor will still vary per locations and a fee increase was reviewed along with changes for slip minimum sizes. Fee changes are to both resident and nonresident rates. Gateway Marina includes a change from a flat fee**

to a per foot fee of \$135.00/\$160.00 (resident/nonresident) with minimum vessel size of 21 feet. Prince Cove Marina will have a per foot fee increase and a minimum vessel size of 20 feet \$180.00/\$210.00 (resident/nonresident). No minimum size for slips along the Bulkhead at Prince Cove Marina but the per foot charge is the same. All Marinas will have the same off-season rates. The electrical charges will increase as well. The slip parity does still exist. HM Taylor looked at the feedback and did keep the three different locations separated. This proposal does have a slight increase, and they have all been converted to a per slip fee apart from the small craft section remains a flat fee with an increase. Todd Walantis stated that the fees have not been increased on a regular schedule. Gary Shramek stated as there will be a budget shortfall, the projects that are proposed may need to be cut back. This issue will mean that things wanted by the slip holders will not have funds to carry out. Everson complimented the Harbormaster for his hard work on a difficult situation. He stated that the Fisherman's Alliance has requested that the Town does keep the commercial industry in mind to preserve it for the Town. How many commercial boats do we have in Barnstable Harbor Marina? Shramek would love to see security gates, and hopefully that can be looked at later. (The fee proposal is currently posted on the Waterways website under Resources.) Public comments: Charles Coakley appreciates the careful consideration to the proposed fees. Sandra Brada asked which slips are the 5 bulkhead slips. Mark Hansen, Barnstable Harbor, how will it be graduated? Will it be a yearly review? Discussion of peruse fee to launch vessels at Town Ramps. HM Taylor stated a phased approach, budgets do change. Slips fees at different marinas may change and budgets may change. Motion was made by Todd Walantis to accept the fee proposal as presented to forward to the Town Manager, seconded by Gary Shramek all in favor.

VI. NEW BUSINESS: None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Save our Fleet, Preserve Barnstable Harbor
2. Barnstable Harbor Marina slip holder Nancy Trafton comments**
3. Barnstable Harbor Marina slip holder Cornelius**
4. Fishermen's Alliance letter**
5. Email comments from Laurel Delong**

VIII. Harbormaster Report: HM Taylor stated that it has been a busy season and still is as dredging continues in Cotuit Channel where they left off last year. Docks will be removed from Barnstable Harbor beginning November 7. The process will begin with removing electrical and water on November 1. The moorings have reached a record number of 2618 permits to date and still going. People are being removed from the waitlist. The new software program helps with the process as well as the regulation which has a 5 business days limit for replies to the offers for a slip or mooring. It allows the process to move efficiently. HM Taylor stated he appreciates the Committee Members time and contributions as well as the slip holders who participated in the process of the marina fees.

IX. Matters not reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None

X. Adjournment: There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Todd Walantis and seconded by Gary Shramek, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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