

Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2025

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 6:05 PM by Chairman Paul Everson. The quorum was confirmed, and Paul 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 Website, 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
Jacob Angelo
Gregory Egan
Gary Shramek
Todd Walantis

Town Staff Present:

Brian Taylor, Harbormaster (HM)
Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster, Mooring Officer
Polina Plucinski, MEA Administrative Assistant

Public:

MaryAnne Burke, John O'Dea

II. Act on Minutes/Notes:

Paul Everson entertained a motion to accept the minutes from October 28th, 2025, as written. Todd Walantis made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Gregory Egan - second. All in favor.

III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

1. **Applicant: Highmount Fiduciary LLC, Trustee; Palmyra Realty Trust**

Project Location: 180 Carriage Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 071, parcel 015)

Representative: John O'Dea, Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

Proposed Project: To replace and extend existing bulkhead

Conservation Hearing: 11/18/2025 3:00PM via Zoom

John O'Dea from Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc., explained that the work is taking place at 180 Carriage Road, where there is an existing bulkhead located partway down the bank, roughly 20 feet above mean high water. The project involves replacing and extending the bulkhead, but no work will occur near the water's edge or within the tidelands area. In fact, the wall will be moved about 4 feet further back into the bank, making it farther from the water. Chairman Everson confirmed that nothing is happening near the water and that the work is strictly a bulkhead replacement.

Paul Everson entertained a motion to approve plans as proposed.

Todd Walantis – so moved.

Gary Shramek – second.

All in favor.

IV. MOORING APPEALS: *None*

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Commercial slips in Barnstable Harbor. Conversation continued on 10/28/2025 meeting.

Harbormaster Taylor reports that the Town is still interested in pursuing this project and is currently exploring several options for implementation in Barnstable Harbor. He expects to give a presentation with potential options to the Waterways Committee shortly after the first of the year. The next immediate step is to meet with Legal Department to review available pathways.

The Department is considering five commercial slips, potentially for charter fishing or other commercial fishing uses, though the final allocation has not yet been determined. Over the next year, they plan to invite both the public and current waitlist members for discussions before making final decisions. The tentative goal is to have the program set up by 2027. Harbormaster Taylor notes that the topic will remain in the upcoming agendas to keep everyone informed.

2. Marina Fee Proposal Submitted (Phase 2) to the Town Manager; Public Town Manager Fee Hearing was November 13th 11:00am.

Harbormaster Taylor confirmed that the Town Manager held the fee proposal meeting on November 13th at 11:00 am. The 30 days is open for public comment for anyone who wishes to provide input.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed schedule changes for Waterways Committee meetings in calendar year 2026.

Polly Plucinski, an Administrative Assistant at MEA, spoke about upcoming 2026 season and confirmed the new dates and times for the Waterways Committee Meetings in 2026.

Paul Everson entertained a motion to approve new schedule as proposed.

Todd Walantis – so moved.

Jacob Angelo – second.

All in favor.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE: None

VIII. HARBORMASTER REPORT:

Deputy Harbormaster Jay Horn reports that today was dock removal day in Barnstable Harbor. The department used a rented crane to take out the docks for the winter to prevent ice damage. Most have been removed for the season, the entire south side of Barnstable, including Three Bays and Hyannis, is finished. All channel markers in those areas are out. The Northside/Cape Cod Bay removals should be completed by the end of this week or early next week. The Harbormaster's Division will leave certain pipes in place a bit longer to support active shellfishermen, while monitoring weather and coordinating with an upcoming dredging project before removing them later in the season.

Next, all small vessels were supposed to be removed from town landings by November 15th, with November 16th being the first day they are not allowed. Staff will be identifying boats left behind and will attempt to contact owners. After a 7-day grace period, unremoved kayaks and dinghies will be impounded, so boat owners are urged to retrieve them this week.

The annual Boat Parade in Hyannis Harbor is scheduled for December 6th, beginning around 6 PM. Pre-registration is required through the Civic Association.

Finally, Deputy Harbormaster Horn reminds the public that the Town offers affordable off-season dockage rates at Prince Cove, Bismore, Gateway, and Hyannis for vessels of various sizes.

IX. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairmen Paul J. Everson entertains a motion to adjourn at 6:18 pm.

Gregory Egan – so moved.

Todd Walantis – second.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Polina Plucinski
MEA Administrative Assistant
Town of Barnstable