



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes March 24, 2026

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 6:04PM by Paul Everson, Chairman Waterways Committee. The quorum was confirmed, and Paul Everson, Chairman 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: Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster; John Flynn, Assistant Harbormaster; Mary Anne Burke, MEA Administrative Assistant.

Public: Briony Angus, Dottie Ansel, Charlie Argo, David Banta, Jen Bunnell, Matt Bunnell, James Chaplin, Kris Clark, Ellen Cogswell, Caroline Cogswell, Mark Dibb, Than Drake, Marian Ferguson, Dick Hawkins, Bit Lay, Kathy Lay, Thomas O' Brien, Gordon Starr, Besty Wheeler, Arlene Wilson.

II. Act on Minutes/Notes:

Paul Everson mentioned there are some edits to be made to the January 27, 2026 minutes, will present at the next meeting.

III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

1. **Applicant: Stephen M. & Beth F. McParland** 150 Carriage Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 71, parcel 15-3). The applicant proposes construction of permanent, pile supported, dinghy dock with end platform and kayak racks.

Representing McParland project: Arlene Wilson, of Wilson Associates. The Waterways Committee reviewed this project in 2022 with no objection at this time. The pier that is proposed is over 165 feet to the north and 145 feet to the south. It is no longer than either of the abutting piers. The Conservation Commission has already reviewed this. The reason it was originally denied was there were subsequent appeals. The appellate division instructed the Conservation Commission that they used the wrong standard in their review; two meetings ago they voted to approve. Discussion was held. The water is very shallow at this location, and this pier will be used mostly for a few kayaks, day sailboat. Conservation Commission will not allow a motorboat because there is high ranking shellfish and less than 30 inches of water under the dock.

Deputy Harbormaster Horn: measured the pier and visited the site and has no issues.

Chairman Everson entertained a motion to approve plans as proposed.

Todd Walantis so moved.

Gary Shramek, second.

Gregory Egan, approved.

Jacob Angelo – motion to deny.

2. Applicant: Griffin Beaudoin, Town of Barnstable Dept. of Public Works, West and North Bay channels. The applicant proposes routine maintenance dredging is required to restore safe navigation and access to the West and North Bay channels in Osterville village. The proposed project is anticipated to consist of mechanical dredging of approximately 37,299 cubic yards of sediment. Construction is anticipated to start in October 2026 and be completed prior to January 31, 2027.

Conservation hearing was scheduled for 03/03/2026 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Representative Griffin was not present. Deputy Harbormaster Horn provided the Waterways Committee with plans for the area. Project is proposed to start in fall of 2026. This will not be a long project. Discussion among members was held. Chairman Everson entertained a motion to approve plans as presented. Greg Egan so moved, Todd Walantis second, Gary Shramek approved, Jacob Angelo approved. All in favor.

3. Applicant: Bayside Property Holdings LLC and Osterville Property Holdings - One LLC 148 and 186 Windswept Way, Osterville. The applicant proposes replacement of approximately 550 feet of failing stone wall with a timber bulkhead and a nature-based shoreline stabilization solution (NBS) along the eastern shoreline of Cotuit Bay at 148 and 186 Windswept Way.

Representative on this project: Engineer Briony Angus from Tighe & Bond. This is replacement in kind with a timber bulkhead. More suitable for a nature-based solution. There will be no changes to the existing pier dock, (plant management behind the existing seawall) not necessary. Strictly replacement of the seawall. The Shellfish Committee meets to discuss this topic on April 8th, the Conservation Commission on April 1st.

Greg Egan motion to approve plans as presented, Todd Walantis second, Gary Shramek approved, Jacob Angelo approved, Chairman Everson approved. All in favor.

4. **Applicant:** Henry Blair, 275, 277, and 295 Millway Road, Barnstable, MA (Map 301, parcel 63_01, 63_02 and 65_01). The applicant proposes maintenance dredging of Millway Marina. This application is being submitted in accordance with the Town of Barnstable Wetlands Protection Bylaw (the Yarmouth Bylaw) and Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and associated regulations (the WPA).

Representative Charlie Agro with BSC Group spoke on behalf of Henry Blair. Project focus will be re-permitting maintenance dredging. Most recently this area was re-dredged back in 2020 and finished up in 2021. Looking to permit what previously has been done. The next step is to meet with the Conservation Committee; obtain Chapter 91 water quality certification and proceed with the Army Corps of Engineers permitting process. Project will commence in a year. Chairman Everson entertained a motion to approve plans as proposed. Todd Walantis, so moved, Greg Egan second, Gary Shramek approved, Jacob Angelo, approved. All in favor.

IV. MOORING APPEALS: *None*

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Commercial slips in Barnstable Harbor – continued from 01/27/2026**

This will be addressed in an upcoming workshop that has been rescheduled to May 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Recommendation to please submit comments anyone may have on these topics prior to the workshop meeting on May 12, 2026. It was requested to have the topic commercial seafood moorings on the agenda. Bunnell's will drop off some research that involves other towns. Deputy Harbormaster Horn will send the information out to the committee members ahead of the workshop.

2. **Applicant:** Brian & Nicole Connolly, 169 Salten Point Road Barnstable, MA 02655 (property ID: 301 003) **continued from 01/27/2026.** The applicant proposes to construct a boardwalk above means high tide for access to the waters of Barnstable Harbor. The project includes salt marsh

restoration for a proposed net environmental benefit to resources areas. The committee deferred this to the February 24 meeting. No vote was taken on January 27, 2026.

Engineer Mark Dibb, Cape and Island Engineering presented the proposed boardwalk project. This boardwalk would come from the lawn area of the existing property at 169 Salten Point Road Barnstable, MA 02655 and traverse straight out to end at the northeast corner of the property. This project did go to conservation and got approved with changes; the project had to show a no impact evaluation. One change to present as a result of the Conservation hearing is to consider aesthetics of the boardwalk. There is a revised plan for the two sections of the boardwalk to be raised and graded and ends at mean highwater.

This does not touch navigational water. Harbormaster's office has no issues with navigation with this NOI.

Power went out in West Barnstable causing an interim pause.

Discussion was held: several neighbors spoke who were concerned about this proposal. The presentation to Conservation took many people by surprise. High tide the water possibly may cover this boardwalk; there are many kayakers who come in close potentially posing a danger. Neighbors feel this topic is moving fast; concern that will completely change the way the Town looks at the waterways.

Deputy Harbormaster Horn reminded the audience that The Waterways Committee is an advisory committee with focus on navigation. Todd Walantis agreed that getting into property laws and conservation takes us away from our core focus.

It was requested that the committee take no position.

Chairman Everson entertained a motion to table this; wait for conservation to get back to the committee and ask to get an opinion from the Town Council as to the marsh area.

Greg Egan motion, Todd Walantis so moved, Jacob Angelo second, Gary Shramek approved.

2. Minor Project Modification to DEP License No. 9940 – continued from 01/27/2026

West Bay, 134 South Bay Road, Barnstable (Notification only)

25-WWAR-0099-APP - Constructive Approval - JMS Holdings LLC Pier - Minor Modification / 134 South Bay Road, West Bay, Osterville to modify the above referenced Chapter 91 license.

Plan to accompany petition of JMS Holdings LLC to modify and maintain a pier in West Bay, dated February 15, 2023, prepared by Braman Surveying & Associates, LLC. The Department has determined that pursuant to 310 CMR 9.22, the activity constitutes a minor project modification, which represents an insignificant deviation from the original specifications of the license, and as such this activity does not require a new or amended license.

Representative Arlene Wilson stated the pier is a new hybrid design with no change in length or height of the pier. Conservation approved this.

Chairman Everson entertained a motion to approve plans as proposed, Todd Walantis motion, Gary Shramek second, Greg Egan approved, Jacob Angelo approved. All in favor.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Opening the Cotuit Bay Shore waitlist

Deputy Harbormaster Horn recommends the opening of the Cotuit Bay Shore mooring waitlist in North Bay. This is a unique mooring field with no public access; it is a private association that has no parking. There are 24 people on the Cotuit Bay wait list and a total of 76 moorings available in this mooring field. Deputy Horn will reach out to the Town Manager.

Todd Walantis entertained a motion to open the Cotuit Bay Shore Mooring Waitlist and granting the Harbormasters Department the flexibility to use their own discretion to close the waitlist as needed. Greg Egan, so moved, Jacob Angelo second, Gary Shramek approved, Chairman Everson approved. All in favor.

2. Proposed adjustments to the current buoy configuration within the Three Bays waterway to improve safety, clarity, and overall navigation for boaters. Assistant Harbormaster John Flynn proposed adjustments to the current buoy configuration within Three Bays waterway to improve safety, clarity, and overall navigation for boaters. There was confusion where the speed zones started and ended. Assistant HM Flynn proposed to remove five no wake buoys and adjust one to a Danger Buoy (at the West Bay entrance) shoal.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Than Drake letter regarding slip concerns

Harbormaster acknowledges that he has been in touch with Than Drake and is working with him. This was addressed by the Harbormaster before.

VIII. HARBORMASTER REPORT:

March 31, 2026, is the mooring renewal deadline with the late fee of \$50.00. There are just under 200 people who have not renewed their moorings. Deputy Harbormaster Horn will start mooring offering season in April as it becomes available. Chairman Everson asked if any of the members of the Waterways Committee have any issues they would like to address that has not been discussed. Jake Angelo requested clarification on what the town regulations say what this committee is supposed to oversee. This will be addressed at the upcoming May 12, 2026 workshop.

IX. **MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:** None

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Chairmen Everson entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Burke
MEA Administrative Assistant
Town of Barnstable