Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes
April 28, 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 6:05PM 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; Gregory Egan; Gary Shramek; Todd Walantis.

Town Staff Present: Derek Lawson, Director; Brian Taylor, Harbormaster; Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster; Mary Anne Burke, MEA Administrative Assistant.

Public: John O'Dea, Matt Lavelle, Karen Anderson, Conrad Benoit, Kris Clark, Martha Clark, Friends of Barnstable, David Hill, Robert Hill, John Lavelle, Jeanie Mickel, Brooke Murphy, Charles Murphy, Gina Pratt, Polly Plucinski, Max Reik.

II. Act on Minutes/Notes:

Revised minutes from January 27, 2026 are still under review: will be presented at the next meeting. March minutes have been approved as presented. Greg motioned to approve, Todd seconded. All voted to pass.

III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

1. Channel Point Rd, LLC 107 Channel Point Rd, Barnstable, MA 02601 Map 326/Parcel 078. Applicant proposes replacement of existing concrete seawall with vinyl bulkhead sheeting with a 20' extension. John O' Dea from Sullivan Engineering Consulting.

Project is to replace the concrete wall within the existing footprint. Work would be accessed from the land. There is no impact on navigation. Chairman Everson entertained a motion to approve the plans as presented. Todd Walantis second; Greg Egan approved, Gary Shramek approved. All in favor.

2. Scott Miller, LDS Development Group, LLC 640 Poponessett Rd, Barnstable, MA 02635 Map 006/Parcel 018. Applicant proposes the construction of a permanent, elevated private dock with a float and removable ramp (connecting dock to float). The applicant intends to launch motorized craft from the float at the end of the dock.
   John Lavelle, Baxter Nye Engineering. Intention is to build a pier ramp and feet There is an existing two story dwelling ; goal is to build a pier in length of about 88ft long in total; 4 feet wide. Project is in front of Conservation Committee. Kris Clark asked for clarification about the dimensions of the dock. John Lavelle replied that it is the same dimension as the north and southerly docks. Chairman Everson entertained a motion to approve the plans as presented. Todd Walantis moved; Gary Shramek second; Greg Egan approved. All in favor.
3. Stephen Madden 95 Eel River Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 Map 116/Parcel 121. Applicant proposes to reconstruct and extend existing permanent pier, replace ramp and float, relocate kayak racks, and provide electrical service and water.
   Representative Arlene Wilson, A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc. could not make it to speak to it. Recommendation is to defer this; will extend this NOI out to the next meeting when Miss Wilson is back. Todd Walantis recommended that a good visual for the Waterways Committee to see would be advantageous.
4. Pamela Randon 117 Eel River Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 Map 116/Parcel 097. Applicant proposes to reconstruct and extend existing permanent pier, replace ramp and float, relocate kayak racks, provide electrical service and water.
   Representative Arlene Wilson, A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc., was not present. Recommendation is to defer this; will extend this NOI to the next meeting when Miss Wilson is back. Todd Walantis recommended that a good visual for the Waterways Committee to see would be advantageous.

IV. MOORING APPEALS:

Every permit holder is responsible for the standard $135 fee; $50 late fee; and a $25 reinstatement fee. For all present, it was their first time missing the mooring deadline:

1. West Beach Club, HP/215 Missed the renewal deadline
2. Conrad Benoit, HP/015 Missed the renewal deadline
3. Jeannie Mickel, MW/063 Missed the renewal deadline
4. Chuck Murphy, WEQ/29 and WEQ/50 Missed the renewal deadline
5. Gina Pratt, NBC/66 Missed the renewal deadline

6. David Hill, HP/81 Missed the renewal deadline
7. Robert Hill, LB/127 Missed the renewal deadline
8. Martha Clark on behalf of Don Clark, PC/10 and PC/11 Missed the renewal deadline
9. Karen Anderson, RP/061 Missed the renewal deadline*

Chairman Everson entertained a motion to reinstate all present as a group. Second: Gary Shramek; Todd Walantis approved. All in favor.

V. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>:

Brian & Nicole Connolly, 169 Salten Point Road Barnstable, MA 02655 (property ID: 301 003). The applicant proposes to construct a boardwalk above mean 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.*

Chairman Everson stated that this is outside our committee prevue, and this would not be a Waterways Committee project to comment on. Thus, we will not be entertaining this.

VI. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>:

1. Sail Cape Cod requesting Gateway Marina slips empty this season.

The slip holder was not present. Slip holder runs a non-profit sailing program 501 (c3). Regulations read on July 1 the vessel must be placed on the water to keep the contract. This request is to ask for an exception to the policy. They have two slips. Harbormaster Taylor recommends if they cannot place a vessel in the slip; he could place these two slips into the transient docks on Dockwa. This would allow the public to access it and book it for transient dockage. Recommendation is to still take the money for the slip contract; grandfather them for one year not to have a boat the slip. Would make it clear if they are having financial difficulty then they should give it up now and go onto the waitlist to the next person for a slip lease contract. Todd Walantis will support whatever decision the Harbormaster makes in the end as long as the decision is along the lines of allowing them to revisit this next year- and we have payment in full. Greg Egan, and Gary Shramek supports Harbormaster Taylor's recommendation. Chairman Everson also approves supporting the Harbormasters recommendation.

2. North Bay Transient

Deputy Harbormaster Horn is looking to repurpose one of the big 5,000 lbs. block moorings in the North Bay mooring field. There are 37 people on this wait list. Deputy Harbormaster Horn asks permission for an experimental transient to this mooring field. We would follow the Army Corps of Engineers to get this permitted through them. All were in support of Deputy Harbormaster Horns' recommendation.

VII. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>: none

VIII. <u>HARBORMASTER REPORT:</u>

This is a very busy time of the year for the Harbormasters department. ATONS are being set, placed, and OHM still has their winter markers out there. Marinas open May 1st, Harbormasters office is getting everything prepared for the boating season. Slip holders will be showing up. Pump out opens up end of the month. We have the workshop coming up on May 12th. Deputy Harbormaster Jay Horn has done a lot of work to prepare for this.

IX. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:

Workshop will be May 12th at 6:00 p.m. Next WWC meeting is May 19th we will be moving to 7:00 p.m.

Kris Clark mentioned she was very happy to hear the Chairman reached out to the Town General Counsel to get the opinion of the role of this committee on the Salten Point matter. She asked if that email or judgement will be part of the minutes or be an attachment so that it is part of the record. She feels this is important going forward should anyone wish to look it up. Chairman Everson said the Harbormaster has received that letter from legal so we can have that attached. Copy of said letter is on file at the Marine and Environmental Affairs Department.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Everson entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Burke
MEA Administrative Assistant
Town of Barnstable