

**Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
Town Hall
Minutes**

Date: June 11, 2014

Members Present: Gary Look, Bruce McIntosh, Martin 'Skip' Tomassian

Other people present: Harbormaster Charles Blair,
Attorney Sean Murphy, Doug Hoehn,

Next Meeting Date: June 25, 2014

Meeting Opened: 3:03PM

The meeting was called to order.

1) Houlahan Subdivision; Ongoing Discussion on Number of Piers Allowed

Agent Doug Hoehn, Attorney Sean Murphy (See documents on file and 6/12/13 Minutes p. 1 # 1).

The history of the development was reviewed.

- The original subdivision proposal came before the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) in 2000 and then was rearranged from 13 to nine lots, retaining the same number of waterfront lots. The land encompassed some acres of Natural Heritage and Endangered Species preserve that would remain in their current form, as well as some shoreline wetlands. The Development of Regional Impact (DRI) restriction on piers was lifted this year as adequately regulated by local review (Edgartown Marine Advisory Board, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board).

- The average distance between proposed piers on this property would be greater than those on the properties to the north and south. A shellfish study found no significant habitat. The faired pier line had been surveyed. Mr. Houlahan now proposed three additional piers as follows (and they wished to proceed straight from this Board to the Conservation Commission):

- Lot 1 had an existing walkway but a new pier was proposed;
- Lot 2 had an existing walkway and pier (possibly to be shared with an inland lot);
- Lot 3 a new walkway and new pier were proposed (possibly to be shared with an inland lot);
- Lot 4 had an existing walkway and pier;
- Lot 5 no walkway was necessary but a new pier was proposed.

- Mr. Tomassian reiterated the Board's previous position to uphold the charge to encourage shared piers and to add as few or no additional piers and that nine lots could easily share 3 piers.

Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
June 11, 2014

2

- Mr. Hoehn responded that the shore was shallow with only 4-5 ft. of water even at high tide which restricted boats to mooring at the end of the piers. In addition walkways for shared piers would pass in front of people's homes. He also suggested that failing approval Mr. Houlahan was likely to return to the original 13 lot plan.
- *BRUCE McINTOSH MOVED TO SCHEDULE A SITE VISIT FOR 8:45AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014 GOING BY BOAT FROM THE NORTH WARE; MARTIN TOMASSIAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

2) Seafood Shanty on the Request of Attorney Sean Murphy

Three to five years ago the Seafood Shanty added further outside seating as permitted by all necessary Town Boards but not by the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP). Consequently when applying to the DEP for a current proposal to enclose and expand the loading dock, certain existing conditions needed additional approvals:

- plantings at the front of the building (had already been installed);
 - a disability access hump was utilized instead of extending the ramp along the building and into the street;
 - at one point the easement around the building narrowed to only 6 ft. due to an unresponsive neighbor and the old marine railway.
 - The Board was familiar with the site so no visit was needed. Issues discussed were:
 - problems with removing the marine railway due to old pollution issues;
 - propane tank protection;
 - unfriendly relations between waterfront neighbors.
 - *GIVEN THE UNACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED TO APPROVE:*
 - *THE DISABILITY RAMP WITH THE HUMP AS LOCATED, AND*
 - *THE SIX (6) FT. WIDE WALKWAY AS CONSTRUCTED;*
- BRUCE McINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

3) Approve Minutes

- *MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 14, 2014 MINUTES AS CORRECTED: BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

4) Old Business - None

5) New Business

Ed Handy had been appointed as the Committee alternate (see 5/14/14 Minutes p. 1 #1) but had not yet completed the Ethics requirements or been sworn in.

Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
June 11, 2014

3

Meeting Adjourned:

- *MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 3:42PM; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

To Do List:

Gary – post Houlahan Site Visit 8:45AM – Tuesday, 6/17/14 at the North Warf.

Gary – draft & send letter re: Seafood Shanty with appropriate language from Sean Murphy.

Gary – ask re: Ed Handy status.

Marni – send estimate of final FY14 invoice.

Accompanying Documents:

- Agenda 6/11/14
- *Aerial photo of Houlahan site*
- Bayside Plan of Land, Edgartown, Mass 5/7/13
- Plans to Accompany a Petition of Wetu Sites LLC to construct and Maintain a Private Non-Commercial Timber Pier and Spiles in Katama Bay, Assessors Parcels 36 159.11, 36 159.13 and 36 159.15 Edgartown, Mass (3 p.) 6/9/14