

Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
Town Hall
Minutes

Date: April 13, 2016

Members Present: Bruce McIntosh, Scott Morgan, Martin “Skip” Tomassian
Ed Handy - Alternate

Other people present: Charlie Blair – Harbor Master, Highway Stuart Fuller
Robert Gilkes,

Next Meeting Date: TBD: April 27, 2016

Meeting Opened: 3:08PM

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

2) Re-visitation of Wrigley Pier (See 10/23/13 Minutes p. 1 # 1.)

There was a delay with the State and the matter was back before the Planning Board. The Marine Advisory Board reviewed its due diligence and actions. No further action was necessary.

3) Harbormaster Update

a) Houseboat Regulations

Harbormaster Charlie Blair had started to receive letters (some from local realtors) regarding houseboat regulations and zoning—also known as surface water zoning and water dependent use regulations. This should be part of the any Harbor Plan update. There were a number of issues to consider such as: a workshop on a boat, the Woods Hole houseboat neighborhood, and mooring swing regulations.

4) Minutes

MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 13, 2016 MINUTES; SCOTT MORGAN SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES—BRUCE MCINTOSH, ED HANDY, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS—SCOTT MORGAN, SKIP TOMASSIAN due to absence.

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5) Old Business

a) Memorial Wharf / Child's Engineering Study

The Wharf Committee (Dick Barbini, Steve Ewing, John Magnuson) met to review the Study. The main pilings were in excellent shape (having been heavily creosoted and preserved) but the superstructure needed work. Bids would go out at the end of August for an October 2016 start target. Unfortunately, due to Community Preservation Act (CPA) regulations only repair/restoration was allowed and consequently no improvements could be included (Harbormaster offices, public restrooms, disability access, etc.).

b) Leland Shifter Testing (See documents on file.)

The testing had finally been done, however the Shellfish Committee protested the November/December timing and requested that all chemicals be re-tested in July/August.

• *MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED TO SEND A LETTER SUPPORTING THE SHELLFISH COMMITTEE POSITION TO THE SELECTMEN WITH COPIES TO THE SHELLFISH COMMITTEE, BOARD OF HEALTH AND MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION; SCOTT MORGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

6) Dredge Representative Report

- There was a remote possibility of obtaining a permit for a jetty around the Lighthouse (straight out next to the flats) to stop littoral drift, especially given the current problems in the Harbor. The engineering and permit Request for Proposal (RFP) would take two to three weeks and go out next month.
- The Committee reviewed its role/responsibility regarding the herring run on the Wallace brother's Farm, which was part of a development agreement. A spawning ladder had been restored and the sluice way should be maintained—with funding from a small account (see below: Actions).
- Edgartown Great Pond seemed to be pretty healthy; there was a good oyster crop and striped bass had been seen.

4) Robert Gilkes Presentation on Chappy Ferry Slip (See documents on file.)

Mr. Gilkes gave a detailed presentation for a new Chappaquiddick Ferry landing, addressing increased traffic, sea-level rise trends and regulations, harbor currents, more direct routing, Fire/Emergency Medical access, utility lines, and 75% Federal hazard mitigation funding plus a State share. The ambitious proposal included;

- dredging and steel sheeted fill to raise the Town-owned Chappaquiddick "Gardner" property 4 ft. above its current level;
- a new Chappaquiddick Island side ferry slip with increased width for larger ferries;
- a waiting facility and Harbormaster offices 8 ft. above the new surface,
- a public boat ramp and parking for 200 cars;
- 4-6 slips to rent to mega-yachts and 20 additional standard slips.

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- The discussion included:
 - current strict Conservation Commission (ConCom) regulation of the Gardner property;
 - current over-wash and access issues during high tides;
 - Selectmen lack of interest, and lack of need for increased Harbor revenue;
 - substantial planning, engineering, environmental and political obstacles.
- The Committee thanked him and expressed their appreciation of his extensive work and consideration of the situation.

7) New Business/Public Comment – None

8) Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:25PM.

Documents on File

- Agenda 4/13/16
- Woods Hole Group letter re: Results of Water Quality Testing on Poucha Pond (34 p.)
2/26/16
- Chappaquiddick Island PowerPoint Presentation (41 slides) 2015 (CD)

Actions:

Bruce - Invite Zoning Insp. Lenny Jason, ConCom Agent Jane Varkonda & Atlantic owners/managers to early spring Marine Advisory meeting.
Bruce – contact Paul Bagnall re: Wallace Brother herring creek maintenance.
Bruce – ask JoAnn Taylor who to hire re: Updated Harbor Plan.
Bruce – nominate Ed Handy by email to make April deadline.
Bruce/Marni – draft and send letter on Leland/Schifter to Selectmen.

Ongoing Actions/Future Agenda Items:

- Water Surface Zoning Bylaws
- Steve Ewing - present final 31 Tower Hill LLC plans when available