



Town of Edgartown Fisherman's Landing Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes

October 15th, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The virtual meeting of the Fisherman's Landing Stewardship Committee (FLSC) was called to order at 10:03am on Friday, October 15th, 2021.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

Members: Peter Vincent, Steve Ewing, Ken Michel, Jane Varkonda, Paul Bagnall, Tony Mignanelli, Charlie Blair

Abutters: Jodi Landau, Joe Sieber, Brian Carty, Mary Carty, Eric Caplan

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) A motion was made by Ken to approve the 10/8/21 draft minutes; Paul seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0, Tony and Charlie abstain.
- b) Jane informed the Committee that she had not had a chance to update the Rules and Regulations so those will be pushed back to the next meeting.
- c) The draft landscape plan was discussed. Steve suggested further consideration on the location of the turnaround (does it need to be closer to the water?), how the area will be used and the layout of the boat storage. He went on to say that most of his customers request their moorings to be as close to the beach as possible so he would like to discuss the logistics of getting people to their boats. He commented that boat owners can always pick up their guests at the nearby Katama landing.
Ken stated that he thinks the layout as proposed will be effective. Tony added that sometimes people use their vehicles to drag their dinghies up and down the road. Steve suggested supplying a dinghy dolly to help people out, an idea Tony supported.
- d) Steve informed the Committee that the abutter who purchased the lot directly next to the landing (Karp) has been putting some pressure on the original donor (Erhardt) to take back some of the 50 feet offered in the donation. Ken stated that he had heard rumors along those lines as well.
- e) The Committee then discussed the vistas. Ken stated that there was nothing the Committee could do about the location of Karp's house (to be built), but there were three trees that are the primary problem when it comes to vistas. He suggested that if those trees could be removed or topped, it would help the view significantly and would be a good way to address some of the concerns expressed by the neighbors. Ken also said he thought there should be a management plan for the trees and other plantings.
- f) Regarding the suggestion of dinghy dollies, Charlie said he had put three dollies at the landing but shortly after the wheels were removed and they often get stolen; he said he is not in the business of supplying dollies. Charlie also stated that the Harbormaster's office would not patrol the landing unless ordered to do so by the Selectboard, he simply does not have the personnel to manage oversight as he can only offer his summer help

\$13 per hour. The Committee discussed pay rates of various jobs and who might be able to keep an eye on the landing.

- g) Charlie informed the Committee that he would supply the names of the mooring permit owners but he will not be limited to a certain number of moorings, or limit the size of the boats. As the Harbormaster he has complete and exclusive authority over all the moorings in the harbor.
- h) Neighbor Joe Sieber, and representative from the Katama Association, asked if any calculations had been done to determine the storage capacity for dinghies and whether it would be adequate for the volume of dinghies there in the summer. Ken responded that the Committee has been considering limiting the dinghies to mooring permit holders only so that there's enough room. He also said that not everyone stores their dinghies there, some people just drop them off when needed. Mr. Sieber responded that this is a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to create a use plan for this land, so it needs to be figured out how many dinghies will fit. Steve responded that it's not possible to accommodate everyone, there is currently a 7 year waiting list for a mooring in the harbor.
- i) Mr. Sieber then asked about the limited parking and whether signs could be installed to direct people to park in the lot at the Katama landing. Steve responded that this could be done and was not a bad idea, he would also like to see a bike rack. Paul added that this should be carefully considered as most of the parking at the Katama landing is designated for vehicles with trailers.
- j) With regard to enforcement of the area and illegally parked vehicles, Paul stated that the police are the only ones who are authorized to tow vehicles.
- k) In conclusion, Charlie stated that he has limited the number of moorings in that area because he wants to maintain the existing vistas.
- l) The Committee decided to meet again in one week, on 10/22/21 at 10:30am.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:56am.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare