



## Town of Edgartown Fisherman's Landing Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The virtual meeting of the Fisherman's Landing Stewardship Committee (FLSC) was called to order at 10:30am on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### **II. ROLL CALL:**

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Peter Vincent, Steve Ewing, Ed Handy, Paul Bagnall, Ken Michel, Jane Varkonda, Tony Mignanelli

**Guests:** Eric Caplan, Mary Carty

### **III. OPEN ISSUES:**

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Ed to approve the 11/19/21 minutes. Ken seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0. Paul abstains, Jane and Tony not present at time of vote.
- b) Motion placed on the floor by Ed to approve the 12/3/21 minutes. Ken seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0. Paul abstains, Jane and Tony not present at time of vote.
- c) Ken stated that he felt further discussion was needed regarding the management of the entrance; whether there should be a gate, someone to monitor the entrance, or just a sign? Ken said he likes the ideas of the Rules & Regulations being posted at the front and is, personally, in favor of an electronic gate. Peter agreed that it needs to be discussed and commented that a price for an electronic gate was never solicited. Ken added that a cost analysis for paying an attendant could also be useful.
- d) Jane joins the meeting.
- e) Steve explained to the Committee that the original easement includes limitations on the property, such as no structures (fences not included). This restriction probably eliminates the option of racks for the kayaks and dinghies. He said there were two options for the use of the area: (1) keep it open to the public and let everyone use it, or (2) limit the use to mooring holders only. He continued by saying he doesn't think very much can happen before this summer because the voters have to accept the gift at town meeting in April before any work can start. He thinks the timeline for the work will be spring of 2023. Jane suggested that there is some existing money that could be used to do some maintenance brush cutting and install signage before the summer season. She said it would have to be contracted out because town staff is too busy to do the work. Steve said he would like to get some of details of the site plan worked out – such as specific size and location of trees and plantings. He thinks the gate should not be a priority this year, it's more important to get other stuff done first and has concerns about the efficacy of a gate in that location. Ed said he agreed about holding off on the gate but does think that signage should be posted before the summer.

The Committee discussed the gate options with some input from the abutters. Mr. Caplan suggested a pedestrian gate that would allow people without a vehicle to access the landing. Ms. Carty stated that the chain is always down and people don't seem very willing to put it back up after use. Peter responded that if a gate were installed, it would close automatically so people wouldn't have to do it themselves.

- f) Jane told the Committee that she hasn't been able to find any similar warrant articles for accepting a gift of land so the lawyers will have to draft it from scratch. She also requested that the Committee put together a short Annual Report letter. She said she did not submit a money article for improvements or enforcement – the police can be contacted if needed. Steve suggested that perhaps there is someone who frequents the landing who wouldn't mind keeping an eye on things; they could have a badge of some kind like the Trustees use for Norton. He also suggested that perhaps it could be an official volunteer position, like the surveyors of lumber and coal.
- g) Paul announced to the Committee that he will be retiring on January 18<sup>th</sup> and asked if they would like him to send the new constable to future meetings. Peter responded that it would be great if Paul could stay on with the Committee and the rest of the members agreed. Paul will continue to serve on the Committee.
- h) The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.
- i) Juliet informed the Committee that abutter Liza Henderson has requested that the Committee hold a meeting at a different day and time, one that she would be able to attend. As a school teacher, she is never available at 10:30 on Friday mornings, so she was hoping the Committee would agree to a meeting at a different time so she can participate and give feedback. The Committee had no objection. Jane also said that Ms. Henderson does not need to worry about anything happening without being notified because an application will have to be filed with the ConCom regardless, and she will be notified of that as an abutter.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare