



Town of Edgartown Fisherman's Landing Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes

September 10th, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The virtual meeting of the Fisherman's Landing Stewardship Committee (FLSC) was called to order at 10:00am on Friday, September 10th, 2021.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

Members: Peter Vincent, Steve Ewing, Ken Michel, Jane Varkonda, Paul Bagnall

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) A motion was made by Ken to approve the 8/13/21 minutes; Paul seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.
- b) Approval of the 8/20/21 draft minutes was postponed due to lack of quorum to approve.
- c) The Committee reviewed the first draft of the site plan created by Ms. Reimann. Ken stated that he had a few questions: The first question was regarding the number of parking spots. The plan as presented showed parking for 10 cars but the Committee had previously discussed that 9 was the limit. Jane suggested that the area designated as "parking for 2 cars" should instead be the turn-around area. Ken's second question was regarding the dinghy storage area – there is storage for up to 48 dinghies shown on the plan but Ken questioned whether that was enough given that there are 50-60 moorings. The final question was regarding the exclusion of any type of gate on the plan. It was suggested that this topic needs further discussion and should be postponed until the full Committee is present. Jane stated that she thinks storage for 48 dinghies is enough as not all of the moorings are used at the same time, Steve and Ken agreed.
- d) The Committee discussed the upcoming mooring regulation updates from the federal government. Paul stated that Edgartown Harbor will be one of the last harbors to get evaluated so there is nothing concrete to report at this time. Steve commented that the harbor is mostly temporary moorings, utilized by day trippers, which has less of an impact on the water quality.
- e) Jane stated that the Highway Superintendent suggested the possibility of a turn-around area closer to the road. Steve said he preferred it where it was but thought that there should definitely be an area designated for bike racks.
- f) The issue of a gate was discussed briefly. Steve stated that he would rather use a parking sticker system that included some kind of nominal fee, \$50 was suggested. He added that the fee should be waived for fishermen and seniors.
- g) The Committee then discussed who would enforce the fee and administer the stickers and decided this topic needs further discussion. Jane stated that enforcement of the area needs to happen on a daily basis, multiple times a day or else there is no point. The Committee discussed who could potentially enforce the parking restrictions for the area.
- h) Steve stated that he met the abutter who will be building on the vacant lot and he would be very interested in seeing the landscape plan and having some green screening included for his

property. Steve reiterated that the site plan should be provided to the donor of the land as well.

- i) The Committee discussed the locations of the green screen, the existing fencing and where plantings should be added. Jane stated that it's hard for plants to grow on the other side of the fence because of the water there.
- j) Jane pointed out that in order to store 48 dinghies, the racks would have to be pretty tall and might interfere with the public vista from the water. She said two racks is too high, they don't allow the property owners to do that.
- k) Paul suggested that the Committee hire a "summer ranger" who can follow a comprehensive enforcement plan for the area. It would only require about 30 hours a week, seasonal and mostly on weekends. Jane stated that it might be a difficult sell to get approval for an added employee. The Committee discussed the enforcement season and generally decided it should be from Memorial Day to either Labor or Columbus day.
- l) Ken stated that the cost of a seasonal employee should be compared to the cost of a gate. As part of the enforcement plan, the sticker numbers for parking, dinghy storage and the mooring could all be the same, making it easy to identify those who have permission to park.
- m) The Committee decided that the next meeting should be a site visit so that the draft plan can be understood in the context of the existing conditions. The Committee discussed items such as grading certain areas, whether a retaining wall might be necessary and how to demarcate the parking spots. The Committee also whether hired enforcement could oversee other areas of Edgartown as well, such as the landings at Sengecontactet and Eel Pond. It was suggested that a Committee could be formed to oversee the three landings. These discussions will all be continued at the next meeting.
- n) The Committee reviewed the administrator's invoice and a motion was made by Paul to approve. Ken seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.
- o) The next meeting will be held on September 24, 2021 at 10:00am and it will be a site visit.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare