

Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
Edgartown, Massachusetts
By Zoom Conference

Minutes

Date: March 30, 2022

Members Present: Chair - Ed Handy, Bruce McIntosh,

Other people present: Conservation Commission – Jane Varkonda,
Kara Shemeth – Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn,
Robert Spalding, Penn Edmonds,
Preservation Trust - Nevette Previd, Louise O'Brien,
Marni Lipke – recorder,

Next Meeting Date: TBD—as needed

Meeting Opened: 3:02PM

1) Call to Order

2) Commercial Marine Licenses

a) Vineyard Boat – Robert Spalding (See documents on file.)

Marine electrician Robb Spalding was currently a summer resident but hoping to be long term in the future. Working from a trailer, he was looking to service boats in the Edgartown Harbor, including weekends during the busy summer season. The Marine Advisory Committee considered it a wonderful addition and valuable Harbor service.

• *BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ROBERT SPALDING'S VINEYARD BOAT MARINE ELECTRICIAN COMMERCIAL LICENSE APPLICATION; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: BRUCE MCINTOSH—AYE, ED HANDY—AYE.*

b. Vineyard Preservation Trust/Norton Boathouse – Nevette Previd

(See documents on file.)

The Trust owned a dock with several slips, one currently occupied by Mr. Norton and another by the Shipyard. After contacting their neighbors and consulting with Steve Ewing and Harbormaster Charlie Blair, the Trust proposed renting 2 other slots—with revenues going directly to support the Norton Boathouse. Future plans included expanding the dock and adding a floating dock.

- The part of the 45 Dock St. pier proposed for rent, was covered by both private and commercial State licenses.

• Conservation agent Jane Varkonda, and Kara Shemeth of Schofield Barbini and Hoehn, noted that the long part of the dock, was only shown as spilings and later as a floating dock on all previous drawings, calling proper licensing into question.

• The Committee clearly separated the issues.

- The commercial license application for 2 spaces on the licensed part of the dock could be implemented for this season.

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- The expansion/floating dock proposal would require submission of engineer's drawings to the Marine Advisory Committee before going before other Town Boards.
- The possibly unlicensed portion of the dock would have to be investigated and remediated—the Committee discussed whether this would affect the current application.
- It was noted that police and fire boats accessed part of the waterfront adjacent to the proposed rental space.
- *BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO RECOMMEND RENTAL OF UP TO TWO SPACES FOR APPROPRIATELY SIZED BOATS FOR THE DOCK ON THE FACE AND EAST SIDE OF DOCK PORTION THAT IS PROPERLY LICENSED FOR SAID COMMERCIAL USES PENDING WRITTEN APPROVAL BY THE HARBORMASTER; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: BRUCE MCINTOSH—AYE, ED HANDY—AYE.*

3) Old Business – As Needed

a) Harborside Inn Condominium Waterfront Access Court Case Update

The Town was still waiting for the Harborside engineer's plans.

b) Edgartown Harbor Plan Update – Martha's Vineyard Commission - None

c) Fisherman's Landing Committee Report

The Proposal was awaiting final word from Counsel with a place holder article on the Town Meeting warrant.

4) Harbormaster Report - None

5) Dredge Report (See documents on file.)

The Dredge was at the Town Barn under annual maintenance. Edgartown Great Pond was tentatively on next year's project list. Katama Bay dredge finalized plans were received so the regulatory process could begin (see documents on file).

6) Committee Business

a) Approval of Minutes (1/12/22)

- *BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 12, 2022 MINUTES; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: BRUCE MCINTOSH—AYE, ED HANDY—AYE.*

7) New Business/Public Comment

Thanks went to Bruce McIntosh for putting out a fire today.

8) Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair - None

9) Adjournment

BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO ADJOURN 3:30PM; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: BRUCE MCINTOSH—AYE, ED HANDY—AYE.

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Actions:

- Ed – send Katama Landing dredge plans to members.
- Ed/Marni – send commercial license recommendations to Kristi Rose & Jame Hagerty
- Preservation Trust – obtain Harbormaster approval in writing.
- address long dock licensing oversight.

Documents on File

- Agenda 3/30/22
- Spalding/Vineyard Boat cover letter and application (4 p.) 3/4/22
- Handy/Previd cover email 3/17/22
- Previd/Vineyard Preservation Trust cover letter and application (28 p.) 3/15/22
- Woods Hole Group, Plan of Proposed Dredging at Katama Bay 3/29/22