

**Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
Edgartown, Massachusetts
By Zoom Conference**

Minutes

Date: April 20, 2022

Members Present: Chair - Ed Handy, Bruce McIntosh*,
Martin “Skip” Tomassian

Other people present: Marni Lipke, Juliet Mulinare – recorders,

Next Meeting Date: TBD—as needed

Meeting Opened: 3:00PM

1) Call to Order

2) Cape Pogue Recommendations Review and Modify if Necessary

(See below: Actions & documents on file & Minutes: 10/28/20 p.2 #3 & 12/9/20 p.1 #4, & 3/3/21 p.2-3 #4.)

The Cape Pogue District of Critical Planning (DCPC) Committee asked for a position statement from all parties. Last year the Marine Advisory Committee made 3 recommendations:

- mark the entrance to the Gut with buoys,
- impose an anchoring ban,
- recommend education/enforcement by Harbormaster, Police, and Shellfish staff.
- The restrictions and word-of-mouth publicity resulted in improvements, however the buoys and signage were too small and a couple were stolen, so Harbormaster Charlie Blair and Steve Ewing suggested larger buoys marking the entire Gut as a no-anchoring zone.
- The Trustees of Reservation (TTOR) seemed to be in constant management transition and were not enforcing beach or wildlife regulations. It was estimated that 25-30% of beach landings were residents—but that those anchoring further out were almost entirely visitors.
- Representation on the Cape Pogue DCPC Committee was mandated resulting in a large Committee with many conflicting agendas, so progress was very slow.
- Enforcement patrol costs should be included in the October/November budget process before the summer season.

a) Headway Speed Only in Cape Pogue – Harbormaster Charlie Blair

The Pogue DCPC Committee was concerned about jet ski speed. As jet skis were a vessel and vessel discrimination was illegal the Harbormaster proposed “headway speed only” be universally enforced in Cape Pogue. Chappaquiddick residents opposed the move as it lengthened the water-commute by 12 minutes.

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- Committee members confirmed last season's improvement and emphasized its responsibility to the shellfish beds and pristine environment. Although frustrated with lack of TTOR cooperation, Committee jurisdiction was water (not land) based.
 - They agreed with signage/buoy changes and whatever help was possible to facilitate resident beach access; but did not support 'headway-speed only' except at the entrance channel.
 - *MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO NOTIFY THE SELECT BOARD AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION THAT THE MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SAME MEASURES AS LAST YEAR WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN MARKING THE ANCHORAGE AREA;*
 - *MARK ENTRANCE CHANNEL AND GUT WITH MORE VISIBLE/DURABLE "NO WAKE" BUOYS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HARBORMASTER AND STEVE EWING,*
 - *NO ANCHORING AREAS AS RECOMMENDED BY HARBORMASTER AND SHELLFISH CONSTABLE;*
 - *SUMMER WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY EDUCATION/ENFORCEMENT BY POLICE, HARBORMASTER AND SHELLFISH DEPARTMENTS STAFF;*
- BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS; BRUCE MCINTOSH—AYE, SKIP TOMASSIAN—AYE, ED HANDY—AYE.*

- 3) Commercial Marine Licenses** (See Minutes: 9/29/21 p.3 #d, & 11/10/21 p.2 #4b.)
The Harbormaster noted a number of commercial licenses coming up for renewal, however, the Committee emphasized the Select Board action for a 6 month extension to reset the renewal process for the start of each calendar year.
- The Vineyard Preservation Trust was progressing steadily on the recommendations, consulting Charlie Blair on broadside vessel tie-ins on the big dock and the pile, as well as starting the licensing progress for the long dock.
 - There was a discussion on Edgartown commercial license irregularities such as:
 - a Coast Guard Captain licensed tour operator who never followed through on the Marine Advisory recommendation;
 - dock rentals without a commercial licensing;
 - Harbormaster enforcement.

7) Committee Business

b) Recorder Retirement and Replacement

Recorder Marni Lipke was retiring and passing the reigns on to Juliet Mulinare.

- **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND THAT JULIET MULINARE REPLACE MARNI LIPKE AS RECORDER AND TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE TO MARNI LIPKE AND WISH HER ALL THE BEST.**

* Bruce McIntosh left the meeting at 3:33PM to attend another meeting.

3) Old Business – None

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6) Dredge Report

The Town voted the necessary additional funds to complete the Katama Landing dredge project and had informed the State it was ready to proceed.

5) Harbormaster Report

After an Eversource delay, the contractor was doing superior work on Memorial Wharf. Funds were available and the new pier would be fully restored by Memorial Day. Work and utility coordination would start on the timber walkway and Chappy ferry wall. Parking lot asphalt might be delayed. The Committee thanked Charlie Blair and Juliet Mulinare for their work.

7) Committee Business

a) Approval of Minutes (11/10/21 & 3/30/22)

• *SKIP TOMASSIAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 10, 2021 AND MARCH 30, 2022 MINUTES; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT: ED HANDY—AYE, SKIP TOMASSIAN—ABSTAIN/AYE.*

8) New Business/Public Comment – None

9) Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair - None

10) Adjournment

SKIP TOMASSIAN MOVED TO ADJOURN 3:39PM; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: SKIP TOMASSIAN—AYE, ED HANDY—AYE.

Actions:

- Ed/Marni – draft/send letter re: Cape Pogue & commercial licenses to Select Board & ConCom.
- Cape Pogue DCPC Committee – 5:00PM, Thursday, April 28, 2022 - Zoom

Documents on File

- Agenda 4/20/22
- Edgartown Marine Advisory – Cape Pogue (8 p.)
- Handy/Blair emails re: Cape Pogue 2022 (2 p.)