



Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Marine Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:02pm on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

The following persons were present:

Members: Ed Handy, Martin "Skip" Tomassian, Bruce McIntosh, Charlie Blair

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion placed on the floor by Skip to approve the draft meeting minutes from 1/18/23. Ed seconds, no discussion, vote taken and passed 2-0-1. Bruce abstains.

III. COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSES

Charlie stated that he has an issue with the process for renewing commercial marine licenses and would like to tighten up the process. He is concerned that charter boat applicants are not required to submit Coast Guard licenses or proof of insurance. Skip suggested making the approval of any license contingent upon providing those two items. The Committee discussed the application process and what should be included with any submission and decided that, for all uninspected vessels, the licensee must sign an agreement that they are aware of and will comply with all town, state and federal regulations for operating a marine-based business.

Motion placed on the floor by Skip to implement the policy outlined above and require anyone picking up a Commercial Marine License to sign an agreement that will be attached to license acknowledging adherence to all town, state and federal regulations. Bruce seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 3-0.

Charlie has wording for the agreement that he will send over. Juliet will reach out to the Selectboard Office and inform them of the new policy.

The Committee reviewed a total of fifteen Commercial Marine Activity Licenses: Aquamarine Dock Builders, Enos Outboard Repair, Nauti Girl Excursions, Edwin B Gentle Jr., Gentle Mooring Service, Great Harbor Boatyard, High Tide Charters, Magic Carpet Charters, Mad Max Marina, Mad Max Sailing, Gut Feeling Charters, Highly Migratory Guide Service, Safe Harbor Marine and Retail, Signature Oyster Farm Tours, and Tenacious Charters.

Skip made a motion to recommend approval of thirteen of the fifteen applications to the Selectboard.

The two applications not recommended at this time are Mad Max Sailing and Tenacious Charters. These two applicants did not provide legible insurance certificates and need to do so before the Committee will recommend their marine licenses to the Selectboard.

Bruce seconds the motion to recommend approval the other thirteen license applications to the Selectboard, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 3-0.

IV. HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE & MEETING TIMES

The Committee discussed what time to hold the Public Input Session on Wednesday, 2/15/23. They decided to schedule it for 3:30pm. Juliet will post the notice.

V. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Charlie reported that the budget meeting with the FinCom and the Selectboard went well but they have not yet voted on the requests.

Reservations for dockage open on 2/15/23 and mooring reservations will open on 3/1/23.

He is working on the contract for launch services this summer and plans to inform the company that improvements from last summer need to be made.

James is working on the fuel situation with Packer and Charlie hopes to have fuel available this summer.

He is also looking to increase the hourly wage for his summer help and is hoping to recruit some High School aged kids.

Mike Hathaway is out on Workmen's Comp after breaking his wrist.

The Cape Pogue DCPC meeting was contentious with the Trustees and Charlie thinks they have misrepresented their intentions to the Cape Pogue residents. The Trustees have filed an NOI for over-sand vehicle permission that will be voted on at the end of February.

VI. FISHERMAN'S LANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

VII. DREDGE REPORT

The Dredge is in the Great Pond for maintenance dredging.

The Katama Landing project is moving along on schedule and budget.

The Dredge Department submitted two warrant article requests, one for two new skiffs and one for the renewal of the Comprehensive Dredge Permit.

VIII. WHARF COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, voted and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare