



Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Marine Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:00pm on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

The following persons were present:

Members: Ed Handy, Martin "Skip" Tomassian, Bruce McIntosh*

Guests: Bill Brine

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion placed on the floor by Skip to approve the draft meeting minutes from 2/1/23. Ed seconds, no discussion, vote taken and passed 2-0. Bruce not present at time of vote.

III. COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSES

None.

*Bruce joins the meeting.

IV. REQUEST FOR PORTABLE TOILETS AT MEMORIAL WHARF

Mr. Wells, owner of the Chappy Ferry, had requested this agenda item but was not present to discuss.

The Committee agreed that more toilets in the vicinity of the Harbor were needed but was not in favor of utilizing portable units temporarily, due to their unsightly nature.

Mr. Brine stated that if the Town was going to put toilets on the Edgartown side of the Harbor, they should put them on the Chappy side too; there are currently no public restroom facilities on Chappy.

This is one of the major topics being discussed as part of the Harbor Update Plan so the Committee deferred to Harbor Plan Update Committee for discussion on the matter.

V. HARBORMASTER REPORT

None, Charlie not present.

VI. FISHERMAN'S LANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

VII. DREDGE REPORT

Ed reported that the last of the Right Fork sand has been screened and moved over to the Left Fork for the TTOR/ConCom dune restoration project. Final grading of the beach will be completed by the end of the week.

The Dredge is in the Great Pond, it has cleared the delta by the opening and will be moved over to dredge the sluiceway next week. The Sluiceway will take 4-5 days of dredging and then the dredge will be demobilized for the season.

The Great Pond will be opened once the dredge has been hauled.

VIII. WHARF COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

X. OLD BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the on-going issue of public access in front of the Atlantic Restaurant. Ed stated that the Harborside needs a commercial marine license for their dockage operation but have not applied yet, but that would be a good time to address the issue. The Committee discussed how many boats they can accommodate and whether it reaches the threshold of needing to provide pump-out and trash removal services. Bruce suggested they should provide public toilets as well. The Committee discussed how to enforce the public access area and how to get the message to the Atlantic and the Harborside that they must provide this access as part of their Chapter 91 license. Skip will contact someone at the Atlantic and Ed will speak with Jane about next steps to take.

Mr. Brine commented that due to the size of boats that the Harborside accommodates, it is very hard to maneuver in that area and makes it very difficult for the fishing boats to access the fuel truck in the mornings.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, voted and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare