



## Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2023

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

The following persons were present:

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

**Guests:** Doug Hoehn, Liz Durkee, Roger Schaefer, Katie Ryan

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the 2/15/23 draft minutes.

*Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to approve the draft meeting minutes from 2/15/23. Skip seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 3-0.*

### III. COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSES

None.

### IV. PROPOSED PIER EXTENSION AT 8 BEACH STREET

Mr. Hoehn was present, on behalf of his client, to request approval for a proposed modification to an existing pier at 8 Beach Street. The pier was originally licensed in 1951; it was extended in 1967 and there was another amendment in 2016. It is 200 feet long, with an "L" at the end; the depth at the end of the pier is ~7-8'. The applicant would like to widen the "L" by two feet (inland) to accommodate larger boats. They would also like to add a few additional floats and four spiles for additional boat storage. Mr. Hoehn has contacted DEP regarding these changes and they have no objection. The Committee discussed whether a site visit was necessary and determined that a site visit could be conducted from land. Charlie stated that there were no issues with navigation or encroachment on abutters that he could see. The Committee discussed the activity at the end of Beach St., which is accessible by the public. The Committee discussed whether to limit the size of the boats that can be stored on the pier; Charlie stated that it was not necessary as he has the authority to regulate this as Harbormaster.

*Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend approval of the application as long as the modifications do not impede access to Town property in any way. Skip seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 3-0.*

### V. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Charlie reported that there were 2.4 million hits on the website the day it opened for reservations this summer. (That's five times normal traffic.) There were a few issues that are being sorted through but the office ladies have everything under control. The Town has signed an agreement with Old Port Marine for the launch service and a contract with the Pied Piper is in the works.

**VI. FISHERMAN'S LANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

None.

**VII. DREDGE REPORT**

Ed reported that the season is complete, the dredge has been hauled and the pipe has been removed from the beach. The Committee will begin to discuss projects for next year. Katama Landing is also moving along; the final concrete pour for the ramp is done and only the parking lot work remains.

**VIII. WHARF COMMITTEE REPORT**

There will be a pre-application meeting with the Engineers and MEPA next week.

**IX. HARBOR PLAN UPDATE REPORT**

There has been some discussion about whether to include Eel Pond in the Harbor Plan; the HP Committee will need to make that determination. Ed updated the Committee on the dredging project at Lighthouse Beach; the sand will be used to nourish the Eel Pond spit as that has been deemed suitable nesting habitat by Natural Heritage. Ms. Durkee reviewed the issues and comments that were brought up at the three public input sessions. One of the recurring discussions is around the use of the Gardner Property and how it can best be utilized for public access. The Committee also discussed the launch ramp at Eel Pond.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare