



Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Marine Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:00pm on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

The following persons were present:

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

Guests: Hunter Healy

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the 3/15/23 draft minutes.

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

III. COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSES

The Committee reviewed five Commercial Marine Activity License applications. Four of the applications were renewals: Tenacious Charters, Mad Max Sailing, Vineyard Boat and Harborside Inn. The final application was for a new license: Hunter Healy.

The Committee voted on the four renewals.

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend approval of the Tenacious Charter application. Skip seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 3-0

[Skip briefly disconnected from the meeting.]

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend approval of the Mad Max Sailing application. Ed seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed, 2-0.

[Skip rejoins the meeting.]

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend approval of the Vineyard Boat application. Ed seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 3-0.

The Committee discussed the Harborside Inn application. The Harborside provides transient dockage for visiting boaters. Charlie stated that the Harborside does not have a State-issued marina license, which is required for anyone who hosts 9 or more vessels. They must also provide public facilities, as well as pump-out and trash service. The Committee decided not to vote on the application until the applicant provides a copy of their marina license, evidence of providing the required services and resolves the issues with the public access areas.

The Committee then reviewed the application for a new license submitted by Hunter Healy. Mr Healy was present to answer questions; he intends to sell and deliver ice cream to boats moored in the Harbor, Cape Pogue and anchored off State Beach off his 16' boat. The Committee told Mr. Healy that he would not be able to operate in Cape Pogue and confirmed that he would need to secure additional permits to operate, which he was aware of.

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend approval of the Healy application. Skip seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 3-0.

IV. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Charlie stated that a management plan for Cape Pogue is needed. TTOR is allowing boats to put their bows on the beach. Currently, there is no OSV access. The Committee discussed the recommendations they have made for the area in previous years and whether the Trustees should impose additional restrictions for boat access to protect the area.

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend the same parameters for Cape Pogue as previous years to the Selectboard. Ed seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 3-0.

Charlie also stated that the 100th Edgartown Regatta will take place this year.

V. DREDGE REPORT

Ed reported that the Dredge Department's grant application to EOHED for a new workboat was successful. The Katama Landing project is complete, however, Charlie is frustrated that the way the floating dock was constructed does not allow for boats to tie up to the other side as they await their turn to use the ramp. This will be looked at, and hopefully improved, in the fall.

VI. WHARF COMMITTEE REPORT

The Wharf Committee will meet on Friday. The North Wharf pre-application meeting with MEPA went well and Juliet is working on a grant application for the project. She requested a letter of support from the Committee to be included in the application.

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to draft a letter from the Marine Advisory Committee indicating their support for the North Wharf Rehabilitation Project. Ed seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 3-0.

VII. HARBOR PLAN UPDATE REPORT

Charlie stated that he met with Liz Durkee to provide information for the plan, which is a little behind schedule but is coming along.

VIII. FISHERMAN'S LANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

No update.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

X. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, voted and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:52pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare