



Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Marine Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:00pm on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

The following persons were present:

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

Guests: Brian Scall

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes was postponed.

III. COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSES

The Committee reviewed five commercial marine license applications. Three of the applications are renewals: Alewife Charters, Sea Hawk Charters and Vineyard Yachting. The other two applications are for new licenses: Dancing Turtle Charters and MV Sea Deluxe.

Mr. Brian Scall was present to answer questions on his application for a new license to operate Dancing Turtle Charters. He said he intends to purchase a 26'-30' boat to offer relaxed cruises through the inner harbor. He's looking into purchasing a CG Inspected vessel so that he can accommodate up to 10 guests. The Committee discussed where he intends to store his boat.

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend approval of the Dancing Turtle Charter application. Skip seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed, 2-0.

The other new application, from MV Sea Delux, is for a mobile maintenance and repair operation. The applicant has already secured a property to operate out of and wants to provide boaters with mobile service throughout the harbor.

Motion placed on the floor by Skip to recommend approval of the MV Sea Deluxe application.

Bruce seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed, 2-0.

The Committee then voted on the three renewal applications.

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend approval of the Alewife Charter application.

Skip seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed, 2-0.

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend approval of the Vineyard Yachting application. Skip seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed, 2-0.

Motion placed on the floor by Skip to recommend approval of the Sea Hawk Charter application.

Bruce seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed, 2-0.

IV. HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Harbor Plan preliminary updated draft has been sent to CZM for initial feedback. There are a few additional public meetings that need to be scheduled, including one that focuses on Eel Pond.

Once the MVC receives confirmation that the plan is heading in the right direction, it will be distributed to the MAC and Harbor Plan Committee for review and comment.

V. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Charlie stated that he is staffed and ready for summer; 70% of his staff is returning and he has also recruited some MVRHS students.

He reported that this year has been particularly busy with folks trying to reserve moorings: in past years, there have been around 300,000 hits on the website when it opens up in March for summer reservations. This year, there were 2.5 million hits, which actually broke down the entire system for over 30 minutes. He also said that reservations for this June have already far surpassed those in June last year.

VI. DREDGE REPORT

No report.

VII. WHARF COMMITTEE REPORT

The North Wharf project has secured two of the four permits needed for construction. The engineers are still working to secure the Chapter 91 and the ACOE permits. The bid package is nearly ready to go.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Juliet informed the Committee that she has accepted a full-time position with the Town of Edgartown and will no longer be able to serve as the administrator for the Committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, voted and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare