



## Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Marine Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:00pm on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Ed Handy, Bruce McIntosh

**Advisors:** Charlie Blair\*

**Guests:** Doug Hoehn, Joel Kubick, Ellie & Steve Wise

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of the 9/13/23 meeting.

*Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to approve the 9/13/23 draft meeting minutes. Ed seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (2-0).*

### III. PROPOSED PIER: 189 & 191 Katama Rd

Mr. Hoehn presented an updated plan with changes made based on Committee comments from the previous meeting, primarily, reorienting the "L" at the end of the proposed pier at 191 Katama Road towards the existing pier at 189 Katama Road.

Ed asked what would happen to the moorings that are currently located in the vicinity of the proposed pier. Mr. Hoehn responded that he wasn't sure. Mrs. Wise stated that she had spoken with the neighbor to the South, who wrote an email stating no objections, as well as the Harbormaster, who also had no objections. Mrs. Wise stated that the only mooring in the area belongs to them. Ed identified another mooring in close proximity to the piers that needs to be considered; Mrs. Wise said she would speak to Charlie about it.

The Committee discussed the distance between moorings and piers in the area and expressed concerns that the new pier and relocation of the moorings would congest the area. Bruce stated that the other docks in the area are more spread out and that the proposed dock at the 191 property would be too close in comparison.

\*Charlie joins the meeting.

Mr. Hoehn showed the area on Google Earth to identify the mooring in question and measure the distance to the proposed dock. The Committee further discussed the location of the mooring relative to the proposed dock. Mrs. Wise stated that it would be helpful if there were written guidelines to follow in terms of presenting information to the Committee. Charlie explained that all moorings have different parameters for distance of swing circles, which ties to the vessel of record for the specific mooring. He continued that the moorings in the area of the proposed dock have some flexibility on their exact location. Ed asked whether the neighbor to the South (who Charlie confirmed was the owner of the mooring in question) was supportive of relocating his mooring. Mrs. Wise said he is fully supportive of the new pier but they have not asked him about

relocation of his mooring. Ed stated that he felt an addition to the existing dock would be more appropriate than constructing a new one as he doesn't feel there is enough room for an additional dock. He continued that the mooring situation needs to be resolved before a decision can be made on the new pier. Bruce stated he also felt it would be too congested for a new dock in the area. Charlie said he has no objection to a new pier. Ed asked Mr. Hoehn and Mrs. Wise to provide a diagram for the displaced mooring/s, as well as owner consent for relocation. Charlie stated that mooring locations are entirely up to the Harbormaster. Ed then asked for a plan from the Harbormaster to review at the next meeting.

The time being 3:35pm, the Marine Advisory Committee voted to adjourn the meeting and open the Public Input Session for the Harbor Plan update scheduled for 3:30pm.

Harbor Plan Input Session Minutes are available as a separate document.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare