



Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Marine Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:00pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

The following persons were present:

Members: Ed Handy, Bruce McIntosh, Martin “Skip” Tomassian

Advisors: Kara Shemeth

Guests: George Sourati

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of the 9/27/23 meeting.

Motion placed on the floor by Ed to approve the 9/27/23 draft meeting minutes. Bruce seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed (2-0-1). Skip abstains.

III. PROPOSED PIER: 189 & 191 Katama Rd

Continued to the next meeting.

IV. APPLICATION REVIEW

- Special Permit Application – 12 Milikin Way

The application is for a new boardwalk and pier. Mr. Sourati stated that the pier was fully approved by all local entities back in 2019, however, State and Federal permitting agencies have requested changes to the pier that necessitate re-approval by the local boards. The changes are to reduce the width of the pier from 5’ to 4’ and to add float attachments that prevent the pier from being closer than 30” to the ocean bottom. The Conservation Commission and Planning Board have both already approved the changes.

Motion placed on the floor by Skip to accept the proposed changes and recommend approval of the plan as presented. Bruce seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (3-0).

- Notice of Intent – 31 Tower Hill Road

The application is for a proposed pier extension and floats to be added to an existing pier. Mr. Sourati stated that the proposed extension is 10’, one float would also be extended and one float added. All proposed additions are more than 300’ from any neighboring pier. The project still needs to be reviewed by the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, DEP and the ACOE, including public hearings for each. The Committee had no objections to the additions and felt there was plenty of space to accommodate them.

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend the pier extension and floats as presented in the proposed plan. Ed seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (3-0).

V. HARBOR PLAN UPDATE DISCUSSION

Ed stated that Charlie has some ideas about how to improve the dinghy dock and finger piers areas. Since he is not present, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed updating the procedures for submitting an application to the Marine Advisory Committee. Juliet will work with Kara to put something together that complements the Conservation Commission application process. The Committee discussed information that should be required of each applicant, including a plot plan with distances to neighboring piers indicated on the plan and depths of areas under consideration.

VI. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Charlie not present.

VII. DREDGE REPORT

Ed stated that the dredge is set to be launched on 10/31/23 and will head to Cape Pogue to dredge the Gut and then the Narrows and Dike Bridge Approach, per the request of the Shellfish Constable. The Committee is working with the Trustees to provide sand for nearby nourishment areas.

VIII. WHARF COMMITTEE REPORT

Juliet stated that the pre-construction site visit will be taking place on 10/25. The start date for the work is 11/6. The only issue is that the Town has not yet received the Chapter 91 permit and cannot sign a contract until that has been received.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

X. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

None.

At 3:37pm a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare