



## Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Marine Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:00pm on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

The following persons were present:

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

**Advisors:** Kara Shemeth

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

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of the 10/18/23 meeting.

*Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to approve the 10/18/23 draft meeting minutes. Skip seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (3-0).*

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

Mr. Hoehn said that, based on comments from the Committee at the previous meeting where this application was reviewed, he had spoken to the immediate neighbor about the proximity of the proposed pier to the existing one. He stated that the neighbor has no objections to the new pier but was not interested in writing an email to that effect. Mr. Hoehn continued that he had also spoken with Charlie Blair about modifications to the existing mooring location and Charlie has no objection to relocating moorings to accommodate the new pier. Ed stated that he concurred with this as he had also spoken to Charlie. Mr. Hoehn then screen-shared the site plan and stated that the property at 191 Katama Road is the only property south of the Reading Room that does not have a private pier, and 44 out of 49 properties extending further south towards Katama Bay also have piers. Bruce stated that he has the same opinion he had previously which is that an additional pier in this particular location makes the area too congested. Skip stated that this would be a good location for a shared pier, like the one at Down Harbor. Mr. Hoehn stated that a shared pier would not be ideal because it would require the owners of 191 to cross private property to access the existing pier. The Committee agreed that the blessing of the neighbor did not tip the scale in favor of a new pier. Ed asked whether the Committee had any objections to the proposed modifications of the existing pier at 189 Katama Road; they did not. Ed then called for a motion on the proposed changes and the new pier. Before a motion was made, Mr. Hoehn requested that in lieu of a vote not to recommend, the Committee simply take no action on the proposed pier at 191.

*Motion then placed on the floor by Skip to approve the proposed changes to the pier at 189 Katama Road and to not recommend the new pier, as drawn on the site plan dated 9/27/23 provided by Mr. Hoehn, at 191 Katama Road. Bruce seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (3-0).*

**IV. PIER MODIFICATION: 26 Bayside South**

Mr. Hoehn presented a plan for proposed additions to an existing shared pier at 26 Bayside South. The additions include adding a float and a spile and relocating one other spile. The Committee had no objections to the proposed additions and commended the communal aspect of the pier. *Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend the proposed changes to the existing pier at 26 Bayside South. Skip seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (3-0).*

**V. HARBOR PLAN UPDATE DISCUSSION**

Juliet informed the Committee that the Harbor Plan Committee will be meeting next to discuss the draft Goals and Actions and to conduct a parcel-by-parcel review of the existing Chapter 91 Licenses along the harbor between the Atlantic Restaurant and the Memorial Wharf.

**VI. HARBORMASTER REPORT**

Charlie not present.

**VII. DREDGE REPORT**

Ed reported that the dredge was launched today and will head over to the Gut first and then the Narrows. Ed and the crew are picking up the new workboat this weekend.

**VIII. WHARF COMMITTEE REPORT**

Juliet reported that the project is ready to start as soon as the Chapter 91 permit is issued. She is working with the office of Representative Fernandes to try and expedite the process at DEP.

**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