



Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Marine Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:00pm on Wednesday, January 31st, 2024 via Zoom teleconference.

The following persons were present:

Members: Ed Handy, Bruce McIntosh, Skip Tomassian

Advisors: Kara Shemeth

Guests: Dan & Renee Dwyer, George Sourati

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of the 12/13/23 meeting.

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to approve the 12/13/23 draft meeting minutes. Skip seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (3-0).

III. CML APPLICATION: Numa

Dan and Renee Dwyer were present to discuss their application to operate a charter sailboat during the 2024 season. They will be sailing their catamaran, Numa, up to the Vineyard in July. They would like to offer charters for up to six people for the month they are here. In the application, they proposed using Memorial Wharf as their pick-up/drop-off location, but are now leaning towards using the launch service instead. Ed said it would be nice if the Harbormaster were present to give his opinion on the use of Memorial Wharf. Skip suggested that the application be recommended for approval with the condition that, if the Wharf is to be used for pick-up/drop-off, the Harbormaster must approve. The Committee had no objection.

Motion placed on the floor by Skip to recommend approval of the commercial marine license for Numa, with the option to use Memorial Wharf contingent upon approval from the Harbormaster. Bruce seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and approved unanimously (3-0).

IV. PROPOSED PIER MODIFICATION: 44 Caleb Pond Rd.

George Sourati was present to explain the requested proposed changes to an existing licensed pier at 44 Caleb Road. The changes include extending the existing "T" at the end of the pier by 8 feet, adding two 20 foot floats and removing one existing pile that will be replaced with two new piles in another location. Ed stated that the changes are minimal and do not involve any significant expansion of the existing pier so he has no objections. Bruce and Skip agreed.

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to recommend approval of the proposed pier modifications as show on the stamped site plan dated January 24, 2024. Skip seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (3-0).

V. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Charlie not present.

VI. DREDGE REPORT

Ed reported that the State granted a 30-day emergency dredging permit for Katama Bay to get sand to South Beach. The dredge will stay in the Bay for a few weeks and will then go into the Great Pond to finish the season. Hopefully, when the dredge goes to the Great Pond, the beach will be passable for haul trucks and the dredged sand can be transported back to either Left or Right fork for additional nourishment.

VII. WHARF COMMITTEE REPORT

Juliet reported that all pile driving has been completed. The contractors will do some work on the parking lot over the next week or two, and will then begin the process of removing the underground fuel tanks with Packer. The project is still on schedule.

VIII. HARBOR PLAN UPDATE

The plan is being reviewed by Adam Turner; Liz will send over a mostly final draft early next week.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

X. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

None.

At 3:27pm a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare