

**Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee  
By Zoom Conference due to the Corona Virus Crisis**

**Minutes**

**Date:** June 10, 2019

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

**Other people present:** Charlie Blair – Harbormaster,  
Peter Defeo, Jack Kent, Tom Kent, Quentin Walsh,  
Kathy Weisman, Peter Weisman,  
Doug Finn – Tech Support.  
Marni Lipke – Recorder,

**Next Meeting Date:** TBD

**Meeting Opened:** 4:03PM

**1) Call to Order**

**2) Harborside Inn Condominium Waterfront Access Court Case**–Nothing to Report  
(See also below: #9.)

**3) Cape Pogue Preservation Discussion** – Tabled re: Selectmen request for status quo during Covid-19 Crisis.

**4) Tom Kent Commercial License Application**

Tom Kent was planning to expand the Chappy Kitchen to include prepared food delivery to boats and possibly future extensions to:

- soliciting,
- restaurant food delivery to boats, and
- maybe a small float for quick on-and-off hot loading.

He reported Town Administrator James Hagerty and Harbormaster Charlie Blair felt it was a good idea. He might be joined by his son(s)(who had worked in the Harbormaster Dept.) in the business. Pickup was likely to be Memorial Wharf or the Town Dock. Communications would be by dedicated VHF channel. He felt this was an entrepreneurial opportunity especially during the Covid-19/ crisis. A number of issues were explored.

- His inflatable’s permanent home was a floating dock near the Chappaquiddick auxiliary dock.
- Soliciting encompassed: business cards, flyers, brochures, etc. possibly a sign painted on the boat. Martin Tomassian advised him that any boat sign required Sign Committee approval and/or Building Inspector advice. Mr. Kent suggested the time-frame was too short for that formal process.

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- Pick-up should not add to the Town Dock confusion. Any use of Memorial Wharf would require extra approvals. The pickup/drop-off limit was 10 minutes.
- The business should conform to Harbormaster Charlie Blair's direction and the Committee emphasized that infraction was likely to invoke non-renewal votes on the annual commercial license.
- Old Port Launch had been partners with the Edgartown Harbor for over 20 years. Their license permitted a delivery service including food.
- *MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN MOVED TO DIRECT THE CHAIR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE SELECTMEN RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF TOM KENT'S COMMERCIAL LICENSE APPLICATION; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ED HANDY—AYE, MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN—AYE, BRUCE MCINTOSH—AYE.*

**5) 31 South Water Street Landing – Norman Rankow**

(See documents on file and Minutes 11/4/15 p.1 #2 & 9/28/16 p. 1 #2 & 1/11/17 p.1 #2 & 1/10/18 p.1 #2.)

Norman Rankow reviewed previous proposals and outcomes. He was withdrawing without strings his appeal/lawsuit against the Town. He had sold his old boat and bought a slightly wider one and so he now proposed:

- widening the pier from 14 to 15 ft.,
- moving a piling out 2 ft.,
- adding a midship piling, and
- adding a 5 ft. by 15 ft. step-down platform.

This was a preliminary discussion to see if the Marine Advisory Committee had any objections or saw any obstacles. The changes involved Chapter 91 regulations requiring an application to the Conservation Commission (ConCom) with a Notice of Intent, after which the ConCom referred the matter to the Marine Advisory Committee. The Committee discussed the proposal.

- Town legal counsel should be consulted to insure this proposal did not impinge on any previous legal procedures.
- Abutters, Kathy and Peter Weisman protested the expansion by citing previous rulings forbidding any further construction of docks in the area.
- *MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN MOVED TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THE MATTER AND REFER IT TO THE NORMAL PROCESS OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION; THERE WAS NO SECOND.*
- The Committee thanked Mr. Rankow for the information but took no action, noting there were other avenues that he needed to address.

**6) Old Business - None**

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**7) Dredge Committee Representative Report**

If all inter-municipal plans worked out, the dredge would first go to Tashmoo (Tisbury) and then move to the Edgartown Great Pond channel to improve openings. Material from Great Pond would be taken to the Left Fork so the restrooms could be moved back into the dunes. Any residual would go to Fuller Street and Bend-in-the-Road beaches.

**a. Dredge Recommendation – Tabled**

**8) Committee Business**

**a) Approval of Minutes (5/13/20)**

• *MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 13, 2020 MINUTES AS PREPARED; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN—AYE, ED HANDY—AYE, BRUCE MCINTOSH—AYE.*

**b) Reorganization/New Alternate**

Scott Morgan had resigned from the Committee and the members wished him all the best. Ed Handy was appointed in his place and a new alternate would have to be chosen (see below: Actions).

• *MARTIN TOMASSIAN NOMINATED BRUCE MCINTOSH AS CHAIR TO COMPLETE SCOTT MORGAN'S TERM; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ED HANDY—AYE, MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN—AYE, BRUCE MCINTOSH—AYE.*

**9) New Business/Public Comment**

• Quentin Walsh asked about the Harborview agenda item so the Committee, who were all public access advocates, reviewed the recent history of the over 25 year long case (See Minutes: 1/15/20 Minutes p.1 #2.) The latest compromise proposed a public access path ending in a viewing platform at the boat ramp, but there was some question as to whether the Town could 'give away' land. Legally the issue was between the Harborview and the Commonwealth. The Marine Advisory Committee kept a standing agenda item for updates and to incentivize progress on the case.

• Norman Rankow suggested removing an unused piling to aid in navigation, but this was a matter for the Harbormaster.

**10) Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair - None**

**11) Adjournment**

*ED HANDY MOVED TO ADJOURN 6:00PM; MARTIN TOMASSIAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ED HANDY—AYE, MARTIN TOMASSIAN—AYE, BRUCE MCINTOSH—AYE.*

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**Actions:**

- All – consider candidates for Marine Advisory alternate.

**Documents on File**

- Agenda/Revised Agenda (2 p.) 6/10/20
- Site Plan Edgartown, Mass. Prepared for Norman Rankow Revised 5/31/20
- Tomassian/Finn emails re: Edg. Marine Advisory Committee 6-10-20 Revised  
Agenda for Posting (2 p.) 6/8/20
- Tomassian emails re: Edg. Marine Advisory Committee 6-10-20 Revised  
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