

**Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
Town Hall**

Minutes

Date: February 21, 2018

Members Present: Scott Morgan, Martin Skip Tomassian

Other people present: Charlie Blair – Harbor Master,
Olde Port Launch – Captain Richard Hamilton,

Next Meeting Date: TBD

Meeting Opened: 3:03PM

1) Call to Order

2) Alternate Dinghy Dock and Charter Boat Locations

(See Minutes 12/13/17 p.3 #2 & 1/10/18 p.1-2 #3.)

Harbormaster Charlie Blair heard strong objections from fishermen on the previous plan to shift Town pier traffic to relieve summer dinghy congestion (see Minutes: 12/13/18 p.3 #2 & 1/10/18 p.1-2 #3). There was some discussion on his previous stance but the conclusion was to explore other solutions. The Committee briefly discussed:

- fisherman docking rates;
- possibility of 4 hr. dinghy parking, or no dinghy parking overnight;
- stronger enforcement re: long term dinghy tie-ups and unregistered dinghies;
- floats on the stake field to the west of the Reading Room; and
- development of Chappaquiddick Gardiner property for boats and dinghies – possibly including free On-Time Ferry tickets to users.

6) Old Business (*as needed*)

a) Mooring Regulations Amendment Discussion

The regulation draft was ready (see 2/22/17 Minutes p.3 #4 & below: Actions).

c) Harborside/Edgartown Waterfront Access Court Case

The Town of Edgartown prevailed over the Harborside Hotel but the Judge had not yet issued a written decision.

4) Harbormaster Update

- Transient dockage opened February 15th and sold out the summer in 2 hours, through Dockwa with everything paid up front –part of the continuing Town trend to eliminate cash transactions. (Harborside, Mad Max Oak Bluffs, Tisbury Wharf and Nantucket were also now using Dockwa.)
- Mooring reservations would open March 1st.

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- Staff was excited about the new boat, which had arrived and was at the Dept. of Public Works (DPW).
- Charlie Blair showed the new Steelon mooring cable that floated, didn't chafe through, and was exponentially stronger than nylon. He expected to use it to replace mooring tackles by attrition.
- *Scoops* had been sold and was being replaced by a Viking 48 with stern platform.
- Captain Hamilton would be overseeing the Olde Port launch this year.
- Lizzie Ward would be overseeing the Harborside pier.

5) Dredge Committee Representative Report

The Dredge crew had finished for the year and was fiber-glassing the Carolina skiff.

6) New Business/Public Comment

7) Committee Business

- a) Approval of Minutes (1/10/17)

8) Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair - None

9) Adjournment

MARTIN "SKIP" TOMASSIAN MOVED TO ADJOURN 3:47PM; SCOTT MORGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Documents on File

- Agenda 2/21/18

Actions:

- Charlie/Skip: email Mooring Regulation draft to Skip for language suggestions.