

**Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
Town Hall**

Minutes

Date: May 10, 2017

Members Present: Bruce McIntosh, Martin Skip Tomassian
Ed Handy – Alternate

Harbor Planning Group: Georgiana Greenough, Jo-Ann Taylor, Jane Varkonda,

Other people present: Charlie Blair – Harbor Master, Selectmen’s office - Kristy Rose;
Seafood Shanty – Denise Page, Bill Courtney, Sean Murphy;
Donald Benefit
Marni Lipke - Recorder

Next Meeting Date: May 16, 2017 Site Visit, May 24, 2017

Meeting Opened: 3:07PM

1) Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order. Alternate Ed Handy would sit in for Scott Morgan.

3) Seafood Shanty Proposal to Enclose Decks Discussion & Vote

The Seafood Shanty had two decks allowed under Chapter 91. The Conservation Commission (ConCom) referred this request to replace the ‘temporary’ awnings and enclose the decks with 2nd floor decks on posts. This would not increase seating, i.e. no tables would be added to those already in place on the second floor decks but there would be a railing around the perimeter. The main issue (as outlined in the Harbor Plan) was preservation of views of the Harbor, particular the narrow perspectives from Dock Street. The ConCom conducted a site visit with a mock up but could not reach consensus. The Committee considered the view from both the Marine Railway side and the Junior Yacht Club side.

• *MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED THAT THE MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONDUCT A SITE VISIT AT THE SEAFOOD SHANTY, TUESDAY MAY 16, 2017 AT 9:00AM; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

4) Old Business (as needed)

a) Harborside Pier Concerns

The Letter of Agreement between the Boat House and Harborside had nothing to do with the issue of dock overhang and navigation. As yet the Harborside had not responded to the Marine Advisory letter. Harbormaster Charlie Blair reported that the Harborside would address problems but would retain those boats already booked for this season. The Marine Advisory Committee understood that the Selectmen favored the big boats at that dock. However the Committee and Donald Benefit would report any Massachusetts law violations on bottom disturbance and navigational channels.

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b) Schifter-Leland Testing Update

The Shellfish Committee voted to release the remaining Schifter Leland testing escrow funds.

5) Harbormaster Update

- Edgartown had to advertise a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the harbor launch, Old Port was the only responder. The original proposal shortened the hours but recent reports were that it would run the 1:00AM trip to Chappaquiddick (see 10/12/16 Minutes p.1 #3).
- Despite ambivalence about surveillance, in order to reduce problems there were now six cameras around the harbor tied into the Harbormaster Office and Police Station. Thanks went to the Edgartown Yacht Club for facilitating Internet connections.

8) Committee Business

a) Approval of Minutes (8/24/16 & 3/22/17)

- *MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 24, 2016 AND MARCH 22, 2017 MINUTES AS EMAILED; ED HANDY SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

6) Dredge Committee Representative Report

The Town Meeting article to purchase a new dredge passed and the Dredge Committee was looking to dispose of the old one.

2) Harbor Master Plan Expanded Implementation Report Vote

(See 11/9/16 Minutes p.1 #2 and documents on file.)

Coastal Zone Management had been reluctant to approve a new Harbor Plan without coordinating it with State agency policy updates and changes. Consequently, the two Committees asked JoAnn Taylor to consolidate all the changes into an Expanded Implementation Report to be submitted for approval. The Harbor Plan was a daily tool for Harbor regulation, legalized the Fair Pier Line and allowed more local control. It was a beautiful harbor and it was important to preserve it.

- The Committee expressed some frustration with the process but this format could be viewed as only for State bureaucracy submittal.

- *MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED THAT THE EDGARTOWN HARBOR EXPANDED IMPLEMENTATION REPORT BE FORWARDED TO MASSACHUSETTS COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT, CONDITIONAL ON ANY MINOR CHANGES AGREED TO BY PLANNING BOARD AGENT GEORGIANA GREENOUGH AND MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION COASTAL PLANNER JOANN TAYLOR: ED HANDY SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

7) New Business/Public Comment

- Donald Benefit reported that when the Colacray rental slips were full the *Mad Max* overhung the dock into the channel leading to the Finger Piers, making navigation tricky,

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especially during tidal changes (see Minutes 4/27/16 p.2, & 5/4/16 p.2 #2). He was also monitoring the *Mad Max* pump out schedule.

- IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD TO SEND A LETTER TO MR. BOB COLACRAY REGARDING COMPLAINTS ON BOATS OVERHANGING HIS DOCK; AND THAT IF HE HAD ANY QUESTIONS HE SHOULD PLEASE ATTEND THE NEXT MARINE ADVISORY MEETING.

- Kristy Rose informed the Committee that Charlie Blair passed on a letter to the Selectmen regarding a commercial license application to give kite surfing lessons from a boat. It was noted that location was important as kite surfing sometimes disturbed the bottom and so should avoid the best shellfish seed producing areas in Cape Pogue.

9) Adjournment

- *Chair Bruce McIntosh adjourned the meeting at 4:08PM.*

Documents on File

- Agenda 5/10/17
- Sign In Sheet 5/10/17
- Varkonda memo re: Proposed Second Story Deck Additions to the Seafood Shanty 3/8/17
- Selectmen letter re: noise complaints 9/15/14
- Conservation Commission Site Plan prepared for Seafood Shanty Realty Trust plan 1/27/17
- Tomassian/Ewing emails re: Harborside and Field Club 3/28/17
- Agreement (2 p.) 6/6/07
- Report on Implementation Edgartown Harbor Plan, Edgartown, Massachusetts Draft (36 p.) 5/4/17
- Taylor cover email re: Edg. Harbor Plan Update 5/4/17

Actions:

- Bruce/Marni – draft letter Colacray:
- All – Seafood Shanty site visit 9AM on Tuesday, 5/16/17
- Marni – cc: Planning Bd. on all Marine Advisory votes on piers.