

**Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee**  
**Town Hall**  
**Minutes**

**Date:** May 24, 2017

**Members Present:** Scott Morgan, Ed Handy - Alternate

**Other people present:** Charlie Blair – Harbormaster, Donald Benefit,  
Ride MV Kite School - Kathleen Cowley, Emily Reich,  
William Reich,  
Marni Lipke - Recorder

**Next Meeting Date:** June 7, 2016

**Meeting Opened:** 3:06PM

**1) Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order. Alternate Ed Handy sat in for Chair Bruce McIntosh.

**2) Ride MV Kite Surfing Commercial Marine License – *Emily Reich***

The business would be centered on the boat, both equipment and students. Ms. Reich had her Coast Guard license to carry up to six people—they were expecting to teach two to three students per run. Pick up was not yet decided between Eel Pond and Oak Bluffs. Donald Benefit stated the Cape Pogue flats were heavily seeded with scallops and requested they refrain from walking or kite boarding in the area. The Reichs had connection to the Shellfish Constables in Chilmark and Tisbury and understood and agreed to the request. Harbormaster Charlie Blair had no objections and would prefer trained kite surfers to untrained kite surfers.

• *SCOTT MORGAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF RIDE MV KITE SURFACING SCHOOL COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THEY WILL ABIDE BY RESTRICTIONS ON PROTECTED SHELLFISH AREAS; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

**3) Letter to Mr. Colacray Regarding Dock Overhang–Vote (See 5/10/17 Minutes p.2-3 #7.)**

The Harbormaster explained that from June 15th to Labor Day Mr. Colacray's *Mad Max* had to be on the face of the dock, before June 15th or after Labor Day it could be on the side. There was no Chapter 91 regulation about hanging off the end of the dock, which was a common practice, including by Harbormaster boats. Donald Benefit maintained the *Mad Max* was impinging on the navigational channel to the Finger Piers. The Committee expressed some concern with setting a precedent that might increase difficulties for the Harbormaster. The matter was tabled until the full Committee was present.

**4) Old Business (*as needed*)**

**a) Harborside Pier Concerns – Nothing to report.**

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**b) Seafood Shanty Deck Addition**

During the site visit to the Seafood Shanty the Committee found it would not obscure any views and voted to recommend it. There was some question of whether they would put tables on the second deck (see 5/10/17 Minutes p. 1 #2).

**c) Mooring Regulations Amendment Discussion** – Tabled till the fall 2017.

**d) Harbor Master Plan Expanded Implementation Report Update** – None

**5) Harbormaster Update**

- Charlie Blair was worried that the Harbor fuel depot would not be open for the Memorial Day weekend.
- There was a week of excellent training for the 267 Harbor Rescue Boat, that included, marina staff, police, Coast Guard, paramedics, searches, stops, etc. Paramedics were a particularly welcome addition in regards to the comfort of accident victims.
- The Selectmen were looking to restrict Collins Beach parking (see Minutes: 6/25/14 p. 3 #5, 1/14/17 p. 2 #1, 2/11/15 p.2 #3, 4/8/15 p. 1-2 #1), possibly by issuing permits to mooring holders and State license holders. They might also approach the Reading Room about further restrictions. The Committee strongly noted that the Reading Room owners were good and generous harbor neighbors.
- Work on Memorial Wharf was delayed by about \$45,000 worth of change orders, for example five columns (instead of three) had to be replaced. The *Pied Piper* was beginning its scheduled runs. The Parade would start at the Finger Piers. If worst came to worst, there would be no stairs till fall 2017.
- North Wharf and stone and wooden bulkheads all needed maintenance but the Town wished to preserve the historic materials and avoid State requirements on steel sheathing.
- Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding for the engineering study for the Katama Ramp should leverage the State to pay for reconstruction. Edgartown was researching the engineers used by the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) but might also advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The State had previously granted \$80,000 for a project that was abandoned when the sea cut Katama, so Edgartown had the distinction of being the only Town that ever returned State grant money.
- There was an informal discussion on alternate moorings, floating docks, etc.

**6) Dredge Committee Representative Report**

The specifications for the new dredge would be voted tomorrow. The old dredge would be advertised on the open market as more profitable than its trade-in value.

**7) New Business/Public Comment** - None

**8) Committee Business**

**a) Approval of Minutes (5/10/17)** – Tabled.

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

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**10) Adjournment**

- *SCOTT MORGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 5:48PM: ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**Documents on File**

- Agenda 5/24/17
- Sign In Sheet 5/10/17
- Ride MV Kite Surfing School Application for Commercial Marine License

**Actions:**

- Bruce/Marni – Send MV Ride vote to Selectmen.
- send letter to Shellfish Committee.
- Emily Reich: contact Shellfish Dept. and report results to Mar. Adv. Committee.
- Marni: cc: Planning Bd. on all Marine Advisory votes on piers.
- June 7, 2017 Agenda:
  - MV Ride Kite Surfing Update
  - Colacray Dock Discussion and Vote,
  - Collins Beach Parking
  - Minutes 5/10/17 (as amended), 5/16/17, 5/24/17