

**Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee  
Town Hall  
Minutes**

**Date:** January 13, 2016

**Members Present:** Bruce McIntosh, Ed Handy - Alternate

**Other people present:** Charlie Blair – Harbor Master, George Sourati, Steve Ewing,

**Next Meeting Date:** January 27, or February 10, 2016 as needed

**Meeting Opened:** 3:10PM

**1) Call to Order**

After a slight delay to allow for member attendance the meeting was called to order.

**2) Modification of Existing Pier 31 Tower Hill LLC (Discussion & Possible Vote) – *Agent Sourati*** (See documents on file.)

The Committee members thanked Mr. Sourati for the clear drawings—which were the best they had seen. The expansion entailed an ‘L’ shaped pier and three more piles. Harbormaster Charlie Blair declared the expansion would not affect the moorings out front. Discussion centered on there being too many existing and proposed piers:

- current owner’s two boats,
  - application flexibility for future eventualities,
  - interim arrangements,
  - State vs. engineering riparian property lines,
  - Harbor fees for what would essentially be an additional mooring.
  - *Steve Ewing promised to return to the Advisory Committee with final plans.*
  - *ED HANDY MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXISTING 31 TOWER HILL LLC PIER WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:*
    - *IF THE OWNER(S) ELECT TO PLACE TWO PILES ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PIER THE MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THEY REMOVE THE EXISTING PILE;*
- BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

**3) Harbormaster Update**

- The Committee congratulated Charlie Blair on his appointment to the Harbor Master Training Counsel, which set required training parameters and hours.

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- Along with Memorial Wharf Restoration Committee Chair Steve Ewing, the Harbormaster felt it was time to inspect and maintain/upgrade the Wharf (see documents on file). It was extremely well built but some signs of decay could be discerned, missing shims, puckering on the west side, etc. Other issues might be included in an overhaul, particularly public restrooms, and possibly moving the Harbormaster's office.
- The current Chappaquiddick Ferry agreement ceded the slip to the Ferry owners, who were responsible for its upkeep. However this did not include the bulkhead, retaining wall, and house.
- *ED HANDY MOVED TO SUPPORT THE CONDITIONS INSPECTION SURVEY FROM CHILDS ENGINEERING CORPORATION; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- New moon tides and southerly breezes opened and then closed the Wasque cut.

**4) Minutes**

*ED HANDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 9, 2015 MINUTES; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

**5) Dredge Representative Report**

The Harbor dredge would finish this Friday, January 14th. Conservation Commission (ConCom) Agent Jane Varkonda submitted a permit application to start the process of a jetty installation at the Lighthouse. The Committee discussed changing but continuing erosion concerns around the loss of Fuller St. Beach and the expansion of Lighthouse Point. Issues included:

- a 15 year old Woods Hole Group (WHG) feasibility study;
- State reluctance to permit jetties; possible softening and harbor exemptions;
- shellfish/winter flounder habitat and resource area and designation;
- cost comparison of continual dredging vs. jetty installation/maintenance;
- careful project engineering to prevent excessive scouring.
- *ED HANDY MOVED TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDGARTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN THAT IF IT IS IN THE TOWN'S INTEREST TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES REVIEW TIME OF YEAR RESTRICTIONS ON MUNICIPAL DREDGING PROJECTS; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- There was a brief discussion on Menemsha Channel dredge problems.

**6) Old Business - None**

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

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**8) Adjourn**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:04PM.

**Documents on File**

- Agenda 1/13/16
- Sourati cover letter re: 31 Tower Hill LLC, 31 Tower Hill Road, Assessor Map 29, Parcel 159, Edgartown 12/29/15,
- Sourati cover letter re: 31 Tower Hill LLC, 31 Tower Hill Road, Assessor Map 29, Parcel 159, Edgartown 12/17/15,
- Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Resource Protection – Wetlands, WPA Form 3 Notice of Intent (15 p.) 12/18/15
- Sourati Engineering checks 12/17/15
- Sourati Notification to Abutters Under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw 12/18/15
- Abutters List Report 12/8/15
- Affidavit of Service 12/18/15
- CAI Technologies locus map of Edgartown 29-159
- Conservation Commission Site Plan in Edgartown, Massachusetts, Assessor parcel 29-159 Prepared for 31 Tower Hill LLC, 12/16/15 (2 copies of different sizes)
- Fitzgerald/Childs Engineering Corp. letter re: Underwater and Topside Inspection of Memorial Wharf, (2 p.) 1/12/16

**Actions:**

- Ed - contact Lynn Fraker & Jane Varkonda re: previous WHG feasibility study.  
Ed/Steve – present jetty proposal/consultant to Dredge Committee.  
Charlie/Steve - check ownership or ferry slip bulkhead, retaining wall & house.  
Bruce/Marni – draft and send letter on dredge window to Selectmen.  
Ongoing Actions/Future Agenda Items:  
- Steve Ewing - present final 31 Tower Hill LLC plans when available.  
- Invite Zoning Insp. Lenny Jason, ConCom Agent Jane Varkonda & Atlantic owners/managers to early spring Marine Advisory meeting.