

Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
Town Hall
Minutes

Date: May 4, 2016

Members Present: Scott Morgan, Martin Skip Tomassian
Ed Handy - Alternate

Other people present: Charlie Blair – Harbor Master,

Next Meeting Date: TBD May 25, 2016

Meeting Opened: 3:05PM

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order. Martin “Skip” Tomassian agreed to be Acting Chair in place of Chair Bruce McIntosh who was home with a flu/cold.

4) Minutes

a) Approve 4/27/16

SCOTT MORGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 27, 2016; ED HANDY SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION-MARTIN TOMASSIAN due to absence .

5) Old Business

b) Harbor Master Plan Update (See below: Actions & 4/27/16 Minutes p. 2 #4b.)

After a number of thorough meetings, the Marine Advisory Committee presented an updated and revised Harbor Master Plan. Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management (CZM) had expected a less thorough document and suggested different formatting. The Committee agreed to consult with Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Coastal Planner JoAnn Taylor before proceeding. The Harbormaster referred to the current Master Plan on a daily basis.

2) Mad Max Marina – Application to Change Order of Conditions

The April 29, 2016 site visit showed that the granite chinking had leached away leading to deterioration of the dock. Steel sheathing was being driven down to shore it up, and form a basis for deeper dredging to allow larger hulled boat moorings. The Committee expressed their dismay at the current unsightly rusty sheathing. A quick review showed sheathing had not been mentioned during previous Marine Advisory hearings (see 12/18/13 Minutes p.1 #2. 1/8/14 Minutes p.1 #1, 2/12/14 Minutes p. 1-2 #1, and 9/10/14 Minutes p.1-2 #2).

SCOTT MORGAN MOVED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE PLANNING BOARD AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION PROTESTING THE USE OF STEEL SHEATHING ON THE CURRENT MAD MAX PIER; ED HANDY SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

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5) Old Business

a) Harbor Public Walkway Access

(See documents on file & 4/27/16 Minutes p. 2 #4a.)

After reviewing background documentation and confirmation at the April 29, 2016 site visit:
ED HANDY MOVED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE HARBOR WALKWAY PASSED THE ATLANTIC RESTAURANT AND BOATHOUSE CLUB; SCOTT MORGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

2) Harbormaster Update

- Harbormaster Charlie Blair reviewed the tentative sale of Edgartown Marine to Prime Marina Group based in Miami, FL and the attendant request for a transfer of moorings (see 4/27/16 Minutes p. 2). Edgartown regulations forbade the transfer of moorings but he offered to re-permit them to Prime Marina as soon as the sale was final. He reported some friction with the Selectmen over procedures. The Committee reviewed the situation including the illegal sublease of the moorings, the history of the current and past businesses, and Town advocacy for the success of the prospective owners.

a) Mooring Rental Waiver (See 4/27/16 Minutes p.2.)

- Charlie Blair continued to research appropriate liability waiver language to be included in mooring rentals for the 2017 season. For example, if a lessee informed the Town that his mooring would be vacant for a week and the Town rented the mooring out to Mr. X, whose boat was subsequently damaged in a storm, the liability would fall to the Town as the responsible rental agent.

- Dockwa was now handling all mooring reservations and rentals, and cash rentals were eliminated to the great relief of Harbor staff.

- The Memorial Wharf Restoration Committee was looking for architects to restore it to the existing conditions. Temporary repairs (roof patches, board replacement) were in process for the upcoming season. An expansion of the ferry building could not be covered by the Community Preservation funding.

- The Committee again explored how to realize waterfront restrooms.

6) Dredge Committee Report

There was as yet no news on the Lighthouse jetty permit application report.

7) New Business/Public Comment – None

8) Adjourn

- *ED HANDY MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:15PM: SCOTT MORGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYE, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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Documents on File

- Agenda 5/4/16
- Lynch letter re: DEP Waterways License No. 11820/Waterways License application No. W06-1723-N, 2 Main Street, LLC, "The Boathouse," 2 Main Street, Edgartown, Dukes County (13 p.) 7/26/07
- Tomassian/Carlisle emails re: Harbor Plan (2 p.) 5/2-4/16

Actions:

Skip – contact MVC JoAnn Taylor re: requirements for Harbor Master Plan approval.
Bruce/Skip/Marni – draft letters re: Harbor Walkway signage and Mad Max Change Order.
Skip – research Prime Marina Group out of Miami FL.

Ongoing Actions/Future Agenda Items:

- Water Surface Zoning Bylaws
- Steve Ewing - present final 31 Tower Hill LLC plans when available