

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

**Date:** June 22, 2016

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

**Other people present:** Charlie Blair – Harbor Master, Dick Barbini, Eli Levy,  
Jane Varkonda,

**Next Meeting Date:** TBD

**Meeting Opened:** 3:10PM

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2) Existing Pier at 33 North Neck Road – *Agent Barbini*** (See documents on file.)

This was built just short of the cliff in 1968 as a loosely used dock with existing stairs, but should now be licensed. It was 50 ft. long being five 10 ft. sections of planking that were pulled up. Harbormaster Charlie Blair had no issues.

• *MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION THAT THE LICENSE FOR THE EXISTING PIER AT 33 NORTH NECK ROAD BE APPROVED AS PROPOSED; SCOTT MORGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

**3) Harbor Public Walkway Access**

**b) Letter** (See documents on file.)

Atlantic Restaurant Manager Eli Levi, requested a waiver be granted for July and August to for the Atlantic Restaurant to use the corner of the public Walkway for commercial purposes. When Mr. Levi was hired as Manager in 2009, the Restaurant was already using the space which was a huge source of income. He also noted that the walkway did not lead anywhere and he thought only the wood part was public. The Committee explained their position.

- As an advisory board they could only recommended action to the Conservation Commission.
- July and August were the times when public access was most critical.
- Encouraging visible, accessible public Harbor access was an important Town goal.
- The Atlantic had a long history of non-compliance re: signage and public refusal.
- The public walkway (both wood and brick) extending to the dock and up to the old boat ramp, was a factor in the Dept. of Environmental Protection litigation with the Harborside.

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• *MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION THAT THE ATLANTIC RESTAURANT REQUEST FOR A WAIVER FOR COMMERCIAL USE OF THE HARBOR PUBLIC WALKWAY BE DENIED; SCOTT MORGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

a) **Task Force Report** – See below: Actions.

**7) New Business/Public Comment**

• Rebecca Hamilton LaMarche (see documents on file) was opening a sailing lessons business along with charters to parties of six or less. She owned a beautiful Stonehorse boat, was a long time mooring client, had her Coast Guard license and was an alternate driver for the *On Time* ferry to Chappaquiddick.

• *SCOTT MORGAN MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSE FOR REBECCA HAMILTON LAMARCHE PENDING PROOF OF INSURANCE AND HER COAST GUARD LICENSE; MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

• The Committee revisited the old complaint about exterior advertising on the Old Port launch, now called the *Pink Whale*, (see 2/13/13 Minutes p. 2). Other violations for multiple signage included The Shanty and Lucky Hanks. No action was taken

**6) Dredge Committee Representative Report**

The Committee asked for Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Coastal Planner JoAnn Taylor assistance on drafting a dredge management plan.

**5) Old Business**

b) **Harbor Master Plan Update** – *Skip Tomassian*

Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management had referred the Marine Advisory Committee back to JoAnn Taylor (see 5/4/16 Minutes p. 3 #5a & below: Actions).

**4) Minutes**

a) **Approve 5/25/16**

• *MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 25, 2016 MINUTES; SCOTT MORGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

**7) New Business/Public Comment**

• IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE EDGARTOWN MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CONFIRM BRUCE MCINTOSH AS CHAIR AND ED HANDY AS DREDGE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE.

**8) Adjourn**

• *MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 5:45PM; SCOTT MORGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYE, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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**Documents on File**

- Agenda 6/22/16
- McIntosh/Mar. Adv. letter re: Katama Boat Ramp 5/28/16
- McIntosh/Mar. Adv. letter re: Mad Max Change of Conditions 5/28/16
- Notice of Public Hearing re: Fynbo Existing Pier 6/13/16
- Mass. DEP WPA Form 3 Notice of Intent 33 North Neck Road (9 p.) 3/10/16
- Chappaquiddick/Edgartown Harbor map
- Site Plan Edgartown, Mass. Prepared for Fynbo et Al 6/9/16
- Application for Commercial License LaMarche (2 p.)
- Varkonda/ConCom letter re: Compliance with Chapter 91 License Conditions (6/20/16)
- photo Shoreline Access sign
- Murphy/McCarron, Murphy & Vukota email re:
- photo Shoreline Access sign

**Actions:**

- Bruce/Marni – send letter to ConCom re: Harbor Walkway commercial use waiver.
- Bruce/Marni – send letter to Selectmen re: Rebecca LaMarche commercial marine license.
- Bruce/Marni – send letter to Byron Lynn re: Harbor Plan resubmission.

Ongoing Actions/Future Agenda Items:

- Scott - keep in touch with Georgiana re: Harbor Walkway Task Force.
- Ed - ask ConCom and Dredge to appoint representatives to Harbor Walkway Task Force.
- Bruce/Charlie - stay in touch with Planning Bd. re: water surface zoning.
- Bruce/Charlie/Marni - follow up on State boat ramp status.
- Marni - distribute agendas and final minutes to Planning Bd. & ConCom
- Water Surface Zoning Bylaws
- Steve Ewing - present final 31 Tower Hill LLC plans when available