

Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
Town Hall
Minutes

Date: January 14, 2015

Members Present: Gary Look, Bruce McIntosh, Martin Skip Tommasian, Ed Handy,

Other people present: Charlie Blair – Harbor Master
Collins Beach Subcommittee - Chair - Bruce McIntosh,
Steve Ewing, Bruce Farland, John Moffet,

Next Meeting Date: January 28, 2015

Meeting Opened: 3:05PM

The meeting was called to order. The Vineyard Environmental Police Officer had transferred to the Lower Cape.

2) Approve Minutes

• *MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 10, 2014 MINUTES; GARY LOOK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION—BRUCE MCINTOSH* due to absence.

3) Old Business

On further consideration the Board and Harbormaster Charlie Blair felt there were some options on the 99 North Water St. LLC/Stafford request for a float (see 12/10/14 Minutes p.1 # 2).

- The float need not be interpreted as a new pier in regards to the Harbor Plan 50 ft. restriction.

- The float could be bottom anchored without Marine Advisory Board or Conservation Commission approval.

- The float could be built with an electric trolling motor, and marked with MS numbers for a licensing fee of \$45 renewed every 5 years.

• *MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED THAT THE EDGARTOWN MARINE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMEND TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION THAT A FLOAT IS APPROVED AS LONG AS BOTH PIERS REMAIN IN COMMON OWNERSHIP AND THAT AS SOON AS EITHER DOCK IS SOLD PERMISSION IS WITHDRAWN; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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1) Collins Beach, Sub-committee Report

(See documents on file and 6/25/14 Minutes p. 3 # 5.)

- The Board and Subcommittee talked about the situation at Collins Beach.
- It was one of the only public access points on the Harbor, enjoyed by many for the view and as a car picnic spot. It was also used for those working in the marine business, shellfishermen.
- However in July, August and September the Beach was used for a parking lot by tourists, summer people, workers in other town business and Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby contestants.
- Dinghies should not be chained or stored at the fence,
- Any parking regulations had to be enforceable by the Police Dept. summer interns.
- The Reading Room and Federated Church were generous abutters and there was some discussion of boundaries.
- Charlie Blair always went immediately to listen to complaints as a respectful way to mediate problems.
- Regulation could easily be extended to Sengekontacket and Katama landings which were also becoming problematic.
- A number of solutions were debated.
- Permit parking only signs, would require delineation of permits, which could be by State Fishing/Marine License or some other criteria.
- Access to the abutter's boat house should not be blocked.
- A parking time limit would be complicated to enforce.
- Parking tickets were often viewed as fees by violators and consequently "Towed at Owner's Expense" was the best deterrent.
- Regulation could limit the number of spaces; i.e. 12 spaces on a first come first serve basis. No trailers should be allowed.
- There was some favor for "No Unattended Vehicle" signs as simple and effective. Marine drivers usually worked close to the area and were identifiable by the police.
- In the above two cases those workers could drop off boats or equipment and park at the Edgartown School, a 10 minute walk away.
- *BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO TAKE COLLINS BEACH PARKING REGULATION UNDER ADVISEMENT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING AND REQUESTED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COLLINS BEACH SUBCOMMITTEE, INPUT ENCOURAGED; MARTIN SKIPPER TOMASSIAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- The Marine Advisory Board recommended the Town buy any access to the Harbor that came on the market as an important Town investment.

4) New Business - None

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Meeting Adjourned:

- *MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:05PM; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Documents on File

- Agenda 1/13/15
- Harbormaster Collins Beach Report (2 p.)

Actions:

Gary – check with Charlie Blair re: 1/28/15 agenda.

Gary – contact Town re: survey of Collins Beach boundaries.