

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

**Date:** February 11, 2015  
**Members Present:** Gary Look, Bruce McIntosh,  
**Other people present:** Charlie Blair – Harbor Master  
**Next Meeting Date:** TBD:  
**Meeting Opened:** 3:12PM

The meeting was called to order.

**2) Approve Minutes**

• *GARY LOOK MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 14, 2015 MINUTES; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

**3) Old Business**

In reviewing the Conservation Commission (ConCom) application for 91 N. Water St. Assessors Parcel 20D-282 (see 12/10/14 Minutes p. 1 #1) it was noted that the Marine Advisory Board had not approved the non-compliant pier (which already existed), but rather the floats on either side.

**1) Karen Brush, 40 Green Hollow Rd. Assessor. Map 29 Lot 132 Addition of 3 Tie-Spiles and a 5' x 19' Seasonal Float Dredging +/- 90 Cu. Yd. of Sediment To Be Used on Site.**

The Board noted:

- the project as within the applicant's water sheet;
- the possibility the float might scrape bottom at mien low, low tide;
- proximity to the abutter's pier.
- The application to dredge was not the purview of the Marine Advisory Board so the applicant would have to contact any and all appropriate State and Federal agencies (Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), Army Corps of Engineers, etc.).
- *BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR THREE (3) TIE SPILES AND A FIVE (5) FOOT BY NINE (9) FOOT SEASONAL FLOAT; GARY LOOK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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**3) Old Business**

The Board continued the discussion on Collins Beach parking (see 1/14/15 Minutes p. 2 #1 and documents on file).

- The history of the Beach was researched and the 1962 Edgartown Town Report referenced. In a complex process requiring warrant articles to establish clear title, it was donated to the Town by a number of people and institutions then owning shares: the Reading Room, Edgartown National Bank, Wayland Fuller, etc.
  - Steve Ewing proposed a one-year experiment under the Harbormaster's jurisdiction:
    - "Permit Parking Only" on a first come first serve basis (permits issued to: residents with State Commercial Fishing licenses (and some commercial shellfishermen);
    - the permit to include a map and regulations: no unattended trailers, no scouring the ramp site, no blocking abutter access, no overnight parking, no fence tying dinghies;
    - and a \$500 fine for littering or abandoning equipment (skiffs, trailers, garbage, etc.).
  - Harbormaster Charlie Blair, though reluctant to assume jurisdiction, strongly recommended any regulations be permanent and enforceable by the police and suggested the simpler: "No Unattended Vehicles".
  - Bruce McIntosh protested the disruption of some long practices and suggested time-limited parking (say one hour for consistency) that would allow picnickers, recreational boat launchers, beach goers, commercial loading/unloading, etc. and would eliminate the problem of all day parking by downtown workers.
  - The Board noted the lack of easy solution. Furthermore that the situation existed when the abutters bought their property and therefore somewhat invalidated their complaints (like buying property next to a farm and then complaining about the smell). However, problems were acknowledged; for example a resident had left their boat blocking access to an abutter gate for the last three months.
  - All solutions had shortcomings but a combination of permit parking and a limited number of public "One Hour Parking" spaces might satisfy most needs.
  - *BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED THAT THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMEND TO THE SELECTMEN SEVERAL OPTIONS TO REGULATE COLLINS BEACH PARKING, TO BE USED ALONE OR IN COMBINATION INCLUDING:*
    - *PERMIT PARKING ONLY,*
    - *TIME LIMIT ON PARKING (ONE HOUR),*
    - *NO UNATTENDED VEHICLES,*
- GARY LOOK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYE, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

**4) New Business - None**

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Meeting Adjourned:

- *BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 3:54PM: GARY LOOK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYE, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

**Documents on File**

- Agenda 2/11/15
- Site Plan in Edgartown, Mass. Prepared for Karen L. Brush Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. 12/16/14
- Plan of Collins Beach Surveyed for Town of Edgartown 3/16/61
- Book 242 Page 131. Wayland S. Fuller of Edgartown...(2 p.) 6/12/61

**Actions:**

Gary – draft letter of Collins Beach to Selectmen.