

Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
Town Hall
Minutes

Date: June 17, 2015

Members Present: Bruce McIntosh, Ed Handy

Other people present: Charlie Blair – Harbor Master, Gary Look,
Fire Chief Peter Shemeth,
Marni Lipke - Recorder

Next Meeting Date: TBD

Meeting Opened: 3:07PM

The Meeting was called to order.

1) Old Business/New Business

In view of the ongoing transition the Board considered interim appointments.

- *BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO APPOINT ED HANDY AS THE EDGARTOWN MARINE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EDGARTOWN DREDGE COMMITTEE; ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

- *ED HANDY MOVED TO NOMINATE BRUCE MCINTOSH AS CHAIR FOR ONE YEAR; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Former Chair Gary Look reviewed various procedures with new Chair Bruce McIntosh.

- *ED HANDY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE EDGARTOWN MARINE ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR BRUCE MCINTOSH TO SIGN MARINE ADVISORY BOARD INVOICES, BILLS, PAYROLL, CORRESPONDENCE, GRANT APPLICATIONS, ETC. AS NEEDED IN THE COURSE OF NORMAL BUSINESS; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Harbormaster Charlie Blair gave a brief report.

- He reviewed the purchase of the new Dockwa.com software (see 4/6/15 Minutes p. 2 #4). At the moment the transition from MVOL.com was proving painstaking and frustrating but the final shift should be completed this Friday June 18th. The new system, aside from labor saving and better tracking, should also save about \$12,000 in credit card fees, since Harbor staff would now only be handling same-day or cash reservations.

- All five hired summer help were returnees, bringing with them both experience and training. They would rotate shifts to oversee the Finger Piers.

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- The Harbormaster was finding it impracticable and costly to adhere to red tape on bids, specs and State Requests For Proposals (RFPs). In order to satisfy requirements, aside from engineering plans, an RFP had to be drafted (sometimes requiring consultants that doubled the price of the project). Furthermore required acceptance of the lowest bid State contractors often meant projects were done by contractors unfamiliar with the Island, and could result in shoddy work rushed by low estimates.
- The July Fourth fireworks were ready to go. Unfortunately a pair of endangered species piping plovers had nested at the Lighthouse requiring the fireworks boat to be half a mile out. Nesting shorebirds had also closed off Norton Point Beach.

Meeting Adjourned:

- THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:45PM.

Documents on File

- Agenda 6/17/15

Actions:

Bruce - inform Selectmen's office of Ed Handy appointment to Dredge Committee.

Bruce - post meetings as needed (3PM 2nd & 4th Wednesdays – 7/8 or 22, 8/12 or 26);

- post two business days (48 hrs.) in advance (weekends/holidays don't count).

Bruce - ask about shifting summer meetings (July & August) to Town Barn.

Next Meeting Agenda - Approval of 4/22/15 and 6/17/15 Minutes