

Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
Town Hall
Minutes

Date: December 9, 2015

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

Other people present: Charlie Blair – Harbor Master, Dick Barbini,

Next Meeting Date: TBD: January 13 and/or 27, 2016 as needed

Meeting Opened: 3:06PM

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order. *(Some discussions have been grouped for clarity.)*

**2) Harmon Pier Application 67 North Neck Road (Discussion & Possible Vote) –
Agent Barbini**

The existing Pier was built prior to 1975-6 and so predated Army Corps of Engineers permitting. Although too close to the property line the neighbors (the mother and father) had given written permission. The Committee looked at GoogleEarth photos in consideration of eelgrass preservation. In addition to the proposed 40 ft. extension the owners requested out-hauling spiles at 50 additional ft. The Committee considered this to be too close to the Fair Pier line (150 ft. from mean high water) and consequently would interfere with navigation (shellfishers, aquaculture growers, etc.). The location was prone to strong northeast winds so alternatives such as moorings or "T" formation spiles were explored.

• *MARTIN "SKIP" TOMASSIAN MOVED TO ADVISE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION THAT THE MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PIER EXTENSION PLANS, BUT DOES HAVE OBJECTIONS TO THE LOCATION OF THE OUT-HAUL SPILES, AND ADVISE THAT ANY OUT-HAUL SPILES SHOULD NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE END OF THE DOCK (I.E. 150 FT. FROM SHORE); SCOTT MORGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

4) Minutes

• *MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 4, 2015 AND MINUTES; SCOTT MORGAN SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – SCOTT MORGAN due to absence.*

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5) Old Business (See 11/4/15 Minutes p. 2 #5.)

Harbor Public Walkway

All letters were delivered but there were no responses, so the next step was to request enforcement (see below: Actions). The Committee explored the original Harbor Walk parameters and public access intentions.

Henderson/Jackson Access

The Planning Board applied for Community Preservation money to secure a strip of the abutting property (where dinghies were parked). If sold the property might entail another dock.

Leland/Shifter

All letters were delivered but there were no responses.

3) Harbormaster Update

- Harbormaster Charlie Blair was very happy with the new Dockwa software, which greatly facilitated Harbor management and allowed him to see photos of arriving boats. The software was funded by a \$2 user fee and point of sail advertising. Next season he would advertise and then eliminate cash collections. The Committee expressed concern about any inconvenience to fishermen coming in after a hard day.
- The Yacht Club 2017 calendar showed the Shields National Regatta and the 12 Meter North American--which would bring substantial money (and personalities) into the Harbor. The Harbormaster was considering floating docks and security.
- Last season the Harbor revenues paid \$650,000 to the Town General Fund.

Dredge Representative Report

- Eel Pond Channel was being dredged and material put on Fuller Street beach. Considering the very temporary nature of the project's results, groins were suggested; however the State was adamantly opposed because although they collected sand on one side it was scoured from the other side. The choice was then: to continue maintenance or let Mother Nature do what it would.
- The Highway Dept. and Dredge had done a good job straightening the Landing boat launch and Charlie Blair praised both Mark Defeo and Donald Benefit.
- The Dredge Committee was exploring purchasing a lowboy trailer, to save the \$8-10,000 crane fee for each time the dredge went into or came out of the water. The lowboy would require the Landing reconfiguration, for example, a long aluminum ramp and rollers—hopefully eliminating the sand catching floats. Funding could be voted from the Waterways account.

6) New Business – None

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7) Adjourn

• BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:04PM: MARTIN SKIP TOMASSIAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYE, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Documents on File

- Agenda 12/9/15
- Site of Land in Edgartown, MA Prepared for Ashley C. Harmon Revocable Trust 11/16/15 (2 copies of different sizes)

Actions:

Meeting Agendas

- Approval of 12/9/15 Minutes
- Invite Zoning Inspector Lenny Jason, Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda and Atlantic owners & managers to early spring meeting.