

**Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee  
Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**Date:** September 10, 2014

**Members Present:** Gary Look, Bruce McIntosh, alternate - Ed Handy

**Other people present:** Harbormaster Charles Blair,  
Bill Roman – Edgartown Yacht Club  
Dick Barbini – Schofield Barbini & Hoehn  
Robert Colacray – Mad Max Marina  
Evan Shai – MV Water Taxi  
Recorder - Marni Lipke

**Next Meeting Date:** September 24, 2014

**Meeting Opened:** 3:11PM

The meeting was called to order. Chair Gary Look welcomed alternate Ed Handy.

**1) Edgartown Yacht Club – Ongoing Discussion Re: Realignment of Face Dock**  
- **Agent Barbini** (See 6/25/14 Minutes p. 2 #2.)

**2) Mad Max Marina – Ongoing Discussion - Agent Barbini**  
(See 2/12/14 Minutes p. 1-2 #1 and documents on file.)

Both organizations would like to square off their piers (permitting had not yet started):

- the Yacht Club which was now at an angle was looking to add 272 sq. ft.
- Mad Max was hoping to make the walkway 5 ft. wider and cut the back bulkhead for an addition 40 sq. ft.

After lengthy consideration throughout the summer, Harbormaster Charlie Blair while stating for the record that he was a member of the Yacht Club, did not find any navigation hazards with either of the proposals. The Board discussion covered the following issues.

- The Yacht Club pier was likely to be a separate project from the more comprehensive renovation and raised building/flood plain project—unless the permitting for both was concurrently granted—an unlikely event.
- Flood plain regulations allowed the Yacht Club a few options, putting the dock/building on a barge during repair/raising, or even barge floating it permanently.
- As a catamaran the Mad Max beam was 29 ft. (an 85 ft. regular boat beam was 22 ft.) which would still be 3 ft. within the Faired Pier line.

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- The Mad Max walkway's extra 5 ft. would make a big difference on Mad Max's inner slip, especially since there were some docking issues this summer.
  - The Mad Max bulkhead was part of the Commonwealth Filled Tidelands.
  - In general the Board liked its recommendation process which included site visits, buoy markers, and discussion on what worked and what didn't.
  - *BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED THAT THE MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BOTH PROJECTS AS PROPOSED:*
    - *5 FT. WIDER WALKWAY AND CHANGE OF BULKHEAD WITH COMMONWEALTH FILLED TIDE LANDS PERMISSION FOR THE MAD MAX PIER;*
    - *272 SQ. FT. SQUARE OFF FOR THE EDGARTOWN YACHT CLUB PIER;*
- ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

**3) Lighthouse Beach Marina, Formerly Harborview Pier – Preliminary Discussion**

**Pier Changes - Agent Barbini** (See documents on file.)

The Harborview Pier was now privately owned by two gentlemen who wanted to reconfigure it; shifting the "L" across the pier from the Lighthouse side, building a 4 ft. dock for two slips, adding a dinghy dock and including some dredging. The pier would be operated as previously with two slips reserved for the owners' boats and two for Harborview use. The Board unanimously requested a site visit (see below: Actions).

**4) MV Water Taxi – Seeking Permission for the Use of Town Pier for Drop-Off and Pick Up – Presented by Evan Shai** (See documents on file.)

Mr. Shai was hoping to start a water taxi business, operating out of Oak Bluffs beginning with a couple small fast boats (23-25 ft. - six passengers plus Captain). The Harbormaster was enthusiastic about the entrepreneurial idea and had no objections. There was no mention of the issue in the Harbor Plan. The Board considered public pier locations (maybe to the left of the Yacht Club) and insurance. This was a preliminary discussion and it was agreed that authority lay with the Board of Selectmen who granted taxi licenses (see below: Actions).

- *IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE EDGARTOWN MARINE ADVISORY BOARD THAT*
  - *THE WATER TAXI WAS A GOOD IDEA, AND*
  - *IT WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY REGULATIONS FOR DROP-OFFS AND PICK-UPS AS LONG AS LOADING SPACE WAS FOUND, AND*
  - *THE MATTER SHOULD GO BEFORE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.*

**5) Approve Minutes**

- *BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 24, 2014 MINUTES: ED HANDY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION-ED HANDY* due to absence.

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**6) Old Business - None**

**7) New Business**

- The Harbor Dept. was looking at new mooring management software (as used by other Towns) to eliminate redundancy and facilitate credit card entering.
- Charlie Blair expressed considerable concern over the untrained crew of the fire / police rescue boat including (see also below: Actions):
  - lack of a Coast Guard trained Captains,
  - Communications Center failure to inform the Harbormaster of incidents;
  - so much equipment/staff being sent that the rest of the Harbor was left unmanned;
  - the high cost of such responses.

Meeting Adjourned:

- *IT BEING 4:00PM THE CHAIR DECLARED A UNANIMOUS MOTION TO ADJOURN.*

**To Do List:**

**Gary** – send Ed Handy the Harbor Plan.

**Board** – Lighthouse Pier site visit 9:30AM Wednesday September 17, 2014

**Gary/Charlie** – request water taxi agenda item for Selectmen meeting;

- call Evan Shai with date and time.

**Gary/Charlie** – invite Fire & Police Chiefs to Marine Advisory Board meeting.

**Accompanying Documents:**

- Agenda 9/10/14
- MV Water Taxi (Presented by Evan Shai to Edgartown Harbor Committee & Harbormaster (4 p. not counting blanks)
- Pier Plan Edgartown Mass. prepared for Max Holding Co. LLC and Edgartown Yacht Club 8/2/14 MV 9270
- Proposed Pier Edgartown Mass. Prepared for Lighthouse Beach Marina LLC 8/2014