

**Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee
Edgartown Town Hall Selectmen's Meeting Room
Minutes**

Date: June 12, 2013

Members Present: Gary Look, Bruce McIntosh, Martin Tomassian

Other people present: Harbormaster Charles Blair
Doug Hoehn, Sean Murphy, Bob Gilkes

Next Meeting Date: To Be Determined

Meeting Opened: 3:07PM

1) Hoehn; re: Houlahan Pier Discussion

Mr. Hoehn and Mr. Murphy presented a preliminary view and status update of the proposed piers for the Houlahan subdivision development. The intention was to ask the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) to discard the 1999 Development of Regional Impact (DRI), which restricted the project to two piers – already properly permitted built and extended. The new permission had the same number of waterfront lots but proposed private piers for each one. This was to avoid awkward right of ways caused by wetlands along the shore as well as to increase market appeal. The property was 70% conservation preservation and the national heritage and shellfish survey had been completed. The discussion covered a number of issues.

- The Committee repeatedly emphasized the Town mandate and the Harbor Plan goal to restrict/preserve the current number of piers and to promote communal piers.
- There would be no public access to the piers.
- A possible compromise might be: permission to further extend the existing piers along with Conservation Commission permission for a shared walkway through the wetlands, in exchange for use as communal piers.
- Mr. Murphy and Mr. Hoehn suggested the MVC leave pier restrictions to Town authority.
- The Committee would take the matter under advisement, tour the location, and asked for a map with depth markings. Messrs. Hoehn and Murphy expected the project would be delayed until at least Fall 2013.

Thanks were exchanged all around and Mr. Hoehn and Mr. Murphy left the meeting.

2) Approve Minutes

- *MARTIN TOMASSIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 22, 2013 MINUTES AS AMENDED; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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3) Old Business

Ralph Packer - Harbormaster Charlie Blair could say the fuel depot repairs were on schedule with a straight face, even though today was 22 days into the 30 day extension. The rent arrears had been paid and FY14 rent would be paid in September – the money going straight into the general fund. One of the new dispensers and the electrical reels had arrived and the pipe was due in a couple days, Mr. Blair was happy to have the depot open and functioning every day and the Committee discussed reasonable and mandated time frames.

Old Records – The Anchors/Council on Aging requested the filing cabinet of old Marine Advisory records find a new home (see below: Actions).

Harbor Plan Update – Meetings were postponed until September because everyone was busy with the tourist season (see below: Actions).

4) New Business

Bob Gilkes and Charlie Blair were hosting a Chris Seidel photographic presentation at 9:45AM, Thursday, June 20th at the Harborview. The pictures focused on the historical impact of natural forces, management issues and current research of the dynamic Edgartown shoreline.

The Committee discussed the amazing logistics, timeline and technology of the Schifter house move.

Meeting Adjourned:

GARY LOOK MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:02PM; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

To Do List:

Charlie/Gary – contact Anchors/Paul Mohair re: moving old records to Town Hall 3rd floor.

Gary – contact MVC/Paul Foley and Shellfish Warden Paul Bagnall re: Houlahan piers.

Get depth information from Hoehn/Murphy.

All – read and consider Harbor Plan over the summer.

Martin/Skip – contact Dredge Committee Chair & CZM Steve McKenna re: Harbor Plan Update in September.

Martin/Skip – email 4/24/13 Minutes to Marni.

Marni – check Town Website for Harbor Plan

- submit final FY13 invoice before 6/30/13.

Accompanying Documents:

Agenda 6/12/13

Hoehn email re: Marine Advisory agenda request 6/4/13

Photograph of Edgartown Harbor/ Houlahan property with Locuses, etc.

Minutes approved by email as written 6/26/13

