

# Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Date:** September 25, 2013

**Members Present:** Gary Look, Bruce McIntosh, Martin Tomassian

**Other People Present:** Harbormaster Charles Blair,

**Next Meeting Date:** October 9, 2013

**Meeting Opened:** 3:07PM

### 3) Approve Minutes

• *GARY LOOK MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 MINUTES; BRUCE MCINTOSH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION - MARTIN TOMASSIAN* due to absence.

### 1) Harbor Regulations - Harbormaster (See documents on file.)

People waited as long as 21 years for an Inner Harbor mooring so that many entries aged out or had outdated contact information. The situation triggered a revision of the Mooring Wait List policy as follows:

- the list would be divided by mooring location with a charge of \$10 per location,
- a biannual renewal (with charge) was the responsibility of the applicant,
- applicants must respond within 30 days of notification of an available slot.

The revised regulation would be voted by the Selectmen—probably after review by Town Counsel. The Board discussed: email contacts, other harbor comparisons, waitlist software, and guaranteed transfer of current applicants to the new system.

• *BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO ENDORSE THE AMENDMENT TO THE EDGARTOWN MOORING PERMIT AND USE REGULATIONS; MARTIN TOMASSIAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

### 2) Request For Proposal (RFP), Launch (See documents on file and 9/11/3 Minutes p. 2.)

The Advisory Board was required to draft, and then award an RFP for Harbor launch service—the current contract having already expired. This was a new process for everyone and there was some question of how to proceed. The discussion covered a number of issues.

- As attorney to Peter Wells, owner of the Chappaquiddick Ferry, Martin Tomassian recused himself from voting or drafting the Proposal due to conflict of interest. Alternate Mark Mattison would take his place.
- The contract would be awarded in regards to background, reliability, responsiveness to complaints, etc. and price.

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- There was considerable discussion and the Board was split on whether the contract should only encompass vessel to shore service or might also include current auxiliary runs such as: to and from Winnetu Restaurant and the camper/counselor runs from the Yacht Club to Chappaquiddick – which run brought them into direct competition with the Chappaquiddick On-Time Ferry.
- On the other hand the Ferry owners refusal to perform the 1:00AM Chappaquiddick run had occasioned a number of dinghy thefts until the Old Port launch Service took it over.
- The current service performed all their own maintenance and already had the launches, which would otherwise run to considerable capital outlay. Nonetheless, Old Port owners had not turned a profit since 2007, and the extra runs might make the contract viable.
- Everyone agreed there was to be no advertising on the exterior of the vessels.

**5) New Business**

During the above discussion Harbormaster Charlie Blair reported that he had installed video cameras at strategic points in the Harbor.

- The cameras filmed a young couple stealing a dinghy at 1:15AM. The couple was forced to watch the video and then to spread the word among the Chappaquiddick community.
- Other illegal activity caught on camera included garbage dumping – offenders would be banned from future dock use.

**4) Old Business** (See below: Actions.)

- The revised Harbor Plan was due October 31, 2013 and the Board set a steady schedule – every Wednesday at 3:00PM – for the Harbor Planning Group (the Marine Advisory Board, Planning Board Representative Georgie Greenough, Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) representative JoAnn Taylor, and Harbormaster Charlie Blair). Coastal Zone Management Representative Steve McKenna would be updated regularly.

10/9/13 regular Advisory Board Meeting,

10/16 Harbor Plan Workshop,

10/23 regular Advisory Board Meeting,

10/30 Harbor Plan Workshop,

11/6 Harbor Plan Workshop,

11/13 regular Advisory Board Meeting,

11/20 Harbor Plan Workshop,

11/27 regular Advisory Board Meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

*BRUCE MCINTOSH MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:03PM; MARTIN TOMASSIAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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**To Do List:**

**Gary/Skip** – contact Mark Mattison re: drafting Launch Service RFP

**Gary/Skip** – email JoAnn Taylor and Georgiana Greenough re: Harbor Plan workshops.

**All** – review Harbor Plan - 10 pages (and then to the end of the section).

**Accompanying Documents:**

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III. Edgartown Mooring Permit and Use Regulations:

Agreement (Town of Edgartown and Old Port Marine Services, Inc. (4 p.) 7/12/13

*Minutes approved as corrected for typos 10/9/13*