

MINUTES OF WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 10, 2007

A Meeting of the Waterways Management Committee was duly called and held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Roger Race. The following people were present: Mr. Race, Robert Metcalf, Norman Peloquin, Warren Hathaway, Ira Perry and Chris Hemingway. Excused was Mr. Gerald Hickey. Also present was Mr. Steven Melo, Harbormaster.

Mr. Race reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Mr. Hathaway moved to accept the agenda. Mr. Hemingway seconded. So. Moved.

Mr. Race reviewed the minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2007. Mr. Hemingway moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Metcalf seconded. So Moved.

Harbormaster Report.

2007 Billing. Mr. Melo said that the billing has gone out and most of the payments are received. He presented a list of unpaid moorings to the WMC for action. He also presented them with a copy of the second letter that will be sent to all mooring owners who have not paid. He stated that alot of the people on the list were on it last year and received special dispensation after May 1st to keep their mooring then. He said that the Town Collector has refused payments without the late charge of \$50.00 required after 4/30. Mr. Race said that the notice is very clear on what has to be done not to loose their moorings. Mr. Melo said that in the past years people were notified they would lose the mooring site permit if not paid; this year he would like to be sure of this before telling the people that. He would like to know how the WMC feels. Mr. Hemingway feels that the letter is clear and some people will be losing their mooring. Mr. Peloquin said a few of the people on the list were on the list last year. It was noted that the Rigging Loft is on the list. Mr. Melo said two people on the list have sent in payment, but they are waiting for the late fee to be sent. Mr. Peloquin feels that after the second notice, if payment is not received it should be reassigned to the waiting list. Mr. Metcalf moved that if payment is not received, definite reassignment to the waiting list. Mr. Peloquin seconded. So moved that any unpaid mooring permit will be reassigned to the waiting list at the close of registration on May 1st of 2007. Mr. Peloquin asked why we are accepting applications in names of trust and not individuals. Mr. Melo said that one is on the Slocum River and he isn't sure why the trust name is on it, but it has been since the 1980's. He said that the trust has an administrator for a little beetle cat mooring, he will be looking into it. Mr. Peloquin said that a mooring can't be sold with a house.

South Wharf. Mr. Melo stated that there was a planning board meeting regarding a proposed subdivision. He stated that the planning board voted no to the subdivision as presented for safety reasons. If a new plan is submitted, it now has to fit the boatyard overlay district requirements.

Round Hill RADOME. Mr. Melo stated that the base of the RADOME has historical significance. The Historical Commission is holding a hearing on April 30 for consideration of putting a 6-month delay on the destruction of the RADOME, while they look for preservation options.

Sea Scouts. Mr. Melo said that there is no local chapter is southeastern Massachusetts. He said that he would like to see one in this area. He is waiting for further information on this. Mr. Race asked if they have spoken with CBC. Mr. Melo said that they would like to be independent, he said they are a division of the Boy Scouts. Mr. Race asked Mr. Melo to get more information and report back to the WMC.

UMass Engineering Project. Mr. Race said he has met with the professor and they seem very interested. Mr. Melo said he has met with one of the students at the Rogers Street house and they are determining the best use of the property. He said that it is the senior project with the final presentation the end of May. He stated the house is below flood plain, which must be included in the project.

DPW Washing Underside of Bridge. Mr. Melo said that the DPW requested washing the underside of the bridge. The DPW wants to wash the bridge and grease it before it starts operating in May. It has to be done at low tide.

Clean-up Restitution. Mr. Melo stated he was in District court and received \$530.00 order against the defendant toward the clean-up of the washed up vessel AA Ferrante/Galina. This money should be returned to the Waterways Enterprise Fund for expenses related to debris removal by HM staff.

NBYC Request. Mr. Melo received an invitation to an April 24, 2007 fitting-out gathering. They are trying to get people from the area marine community to speak and answer questions. He stated he would not be able to attend the gathering, but if anyone on the Commission wanted to, they were welcome.

Old Business.

Concordia, Inc. Ms. Carol Hill of Concordia was present to update on the ACE progress. She said the most recent update was that Mr. Brian Valiton will be meeting with Ms. Karen Adams tomorrow on their application, it is an internal meeting and they will report any progress to the WMC. Ms. Hill said that the ACE has received information back from the Coast Guard, but she hasn't received any information on what that was.

Ms. Hill said that they have submitted a list of inspections that had been reported as lapsed. She said that they are updating the information and trying to bring all into compliance. They are adjusting chain lengths and checking the swing area. She said if they have to they would relocate boats. She said that they have about 20 unassigned moorings, with a waiting list. She said the scheduled inspections are on-going. They have done some private inspections at the owners request. She stated that on the lapsed inspection for 7-1, they were going to do a pull test but decided to send a diver in to check the Helix – it was still buried and cannot get to it. It was installed in 1991 and they cannot inspect the head, which they have to. Ms. Hill said they would remove it and install a new mooring. Ms. Hill said that the Nonquitt moorings have been removed but one couldn't be located. Mr. Melo said that he knows some people would like moorings out there. He doesn't have a problem for Nonquitt Proprietors Inc. to have a guest mooring for temporary use, if they wanted. Ms. Hill said they would like to work with the WMC and if there is any questions, to contact her.

M. Riccardi Mooring. Mr. Hemingway said he remembers Mr. Riccardi coming before the WMC last year. Mr. Melo said he was unable to use his mooring last year. Mr. Melo said that he needs another site for his vessel, and an even swap of sites is being done with another permit holder in the area.

Newspaper Articles. Mr. Race said Ms. Genoa Warner has sent in an article introducing the WMC. Mr. Hathaway has not seen it, but will review it. Mr. Race feels it is a good article and would like to see it get in the paper. Mr. Hemingway said that Ms. Warner is busy and may not be interested in doing future articles. Mr. Hathaway will speak with her regarding it; if not, he will look into getting a replacement for her, maybe someone from the COA.

New Business.

Subgroups. Mr. Race suggested forming subgroups to work between meetings. Two ideas were for a Fees and Finance subgroup and a New Regulations subgroup.

Mr. Melo said that he sent an update to the Town Hall regarding the number of permits issued for 2006. Mr. Gagne requested an update on what is going on in the Waterways Enterprise Department. He sent a breakdown on what has been happening, the number of boats and moorings, etc. Mr. Race said that the mortgage and insurance of 12 Rogers St. would be paid by the Waterways Enterprise. Mr. Peloquin said he hasn't been able to review the Boat insurance policies but he will be doing it. He has spoken to Mr. Iacaponi and will send him a memo at a later date. Mr. Melo said that the insurance on the house is rolled into other properties the town has. Mr. Race said that there are expenses they have to pay and now would be the time to look into raising the fees. This should go to the Town Meeting as a by-law change for fees and regulation changes. Mr. Melo said that he has received a bill for a copier that the Town had unused in a closet; it was a lease fee and he will be returning the machine and looking to purchase a smaller one outright.

Mr. Race feels that Mr. Melo should also have a safe road vehicle to use. It is something they will have to look into in the near future. He said used vehicles are fine, but they need to be safe not someone's unwanted headache. Mr. Metcalf said the Town often gives older vehicles to departments when new

ones are purchased; he said new vehicles are not easy to purchase now. Mr. Metcalf said that the enterprise systems have to go through the CIP Committee for purchases; they are cutting back and not purchasing many vehicles.

Mr. Race said that he would be happy to look into fees that other Town's charge. Mr. Race said that he would be on the Fees and Finance Subgroup along with Mr. Melo and Mr. Hickey. Mr. Hemingway will be on the New Regulations Subgroup along with Mr. Hathaway, Mr. Melo and Mr. Peloquin. Any proposed changes should be ready by September to go to the Fall Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Melo said that other Towns are changing their master plans in order to keep up with the changing times.

Public Comment.

Mr. Don White asked about the article written by Genoa and putting it in the paper with the letter about loosing moorings due to non-payment of the mooring fee. Mr. Hathaway agreed it is a good idea to notify the public. Mr. Melo said he would put it in the paper as a press release. Mr. Peloquin suggested putting it on the web site along with a list of the people that still owe mooring fees.

Mr. John Hayes said that all his customers were confused about the bill. He said he had to explain to his customers what to pay. The WMC will leave it as is and let the public get use to it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane L. Vieira