

MINUTES OF WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 18, 2004

A meeting of the Waterways Committee was duly called and held on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Warren Hathaway. The following people were present: Mr. Hathaway, Gerry Hickey, Robert Metcalf, Norman Peloquin and Dr. Arthur Burke. Absent was Robert Szala. Mr. Peter Hill has resigned. Also present was Mr. Steven Melo, Harbormaster.

Mr. Hathaway reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on May 11, 2004. The following change was done: Page 2, seventh paragraph, second line "its on the water" should read **is on the water**. Mr. Peloquin moved to accept the minutes of May 11, 2004. Mr. Hickey Seconded. So Moved. Dr. Burke moved to accept the revised minutes of May 4, 2004 with the change. Mr. Peloquin seconded. So Moved.

Mr. Melo gave the Harbormasters report. Mr. Melo asked about the moneterium placed on two areas. He said he had an issue of a resident placing a mooring at the end of Mosher Street. Mr. Melo reviewed the top people on the waiting list. Mr. **Montigny** is #11 on the list with a 21' boat with a 1-1/2' draft. The mooring in question presently has a small powerboat on it. Dr. Burke said that they need a letter from the mooring owner stating she wants to give it up. He stated that Mr. Melo should be able to make the decision on mooring transfers and then report to the WMC. Mr. Melo said this is the first time and he would like the WMC's direction on it. Dr. Burke said that the deal should be between the two people. The value of the sale should be the market value. Mr. Melo will determine who goes on it by the waiting list. Mr. Hathaway said that a refusal should be received from people on the list offered a mooring before going on to the next person. Mr. Melo said he would handle this situation.

The next issue is the new mooring placement in Clarks Cove. He said that the person is on the waiting list and would like Clarks Cove. Mr. Jose DeSouza, 97 Mosher St., is looking for a mooring at the bottom of Mosher St., also Buddy Fisher. Mr. Hathaway asked how many moorings are in Clarks Cove. Mr. Melo said there are about 15 and there is plenty of room in Clarks Cove. He questioned if there was an agreement with the State regarding expanding in this area, a shellfish area. He said there cannot be more than 30 moorings in a shellfish area. Mr. Peloquin said they should notify the others on the list for a mooring in Clarks Cove.

Mr. Melo said that the barrels at the landing are creating a problem with seagulls, covers are being made for them. He said that he is saving money on the porta-potties. Mr. Melo said that he received an ad for mooring in New Bedford, he will tell people that want a mooring immediately of that offer.

Mr. Melo presented a letter he gave to Mr. Michael Gagne regarding the ad for Assistant Harbormasters. He said that it will be advertised and responses sent to the Select Board Office. He said Steve Turner started yesterday and Martin Casey next week both working 8-12 hours. Stephanie Saikali will start working full time in a few weeks. He will understaff and then build up as needed. Mr. Melo said the night coverage would **be by the** new assistants. Mr. Melo passed out the resume of **Julian Race-Moore** who is interested in the assistant's position. He stated this person is qualified.

Mr. Melo said that the tag he purposed to go on the mooring. He said that he put it on a chain and it didn't work, it is recycled plastic. He would like to revise his earlier suggestion. He would like to have it go to the mooring owner and have it go on the line, the orange tag will have the mooring sticker on it and be attached to the line. He said he would be looking for the orange tag and the sticker in the water. He said that it would be above the water line. Mr. Hickey said to

make sure that it will work. Mr. Melo said he would like to price out brass stainless steel tags engraved with the mooring number instead of sticker number and enforce it to be placed on the top chain.

Mr. Metcalf asked Billy of Pioneer if he has previously used a tag. Billy said that he has been switching over to stainless tags. He said that he uses the mooring number on the tag.

Mr. Hickey asked if there was a machine that could stamp the tags. Mr. Melo said that he could get a die set to do it. He said this would be done in the fall.

Mr. Melo said that he was given an external defilerbrator for use. He said that he has received some training, but everyone has to be certified in it. He will get a waterproof case, and in the future it will be kept on the patrol boat. He is also receiving first aid kits from STAT to be placed in the boats. Mr. Melo said the defilerbrator would hold the charge for a year. It also records all the work done with it. When anything is used, it will be restocked immediately.

Mr. Hathaway asked if Mr. Melo received more information on the dive equipment. Mr. Melo said he spoke with Mr. Richie Vanes again and also with Mr. Mike Gill. Mr. Gill suggested not to rush into it, it is good but expensive and maybe something could be built to do the job. Mr. Melo will be researching it.

Mr. Hickey asked for an update on Mr. Wolstenholme and Ms. Dana. Mr. Melo is following up on it. Ms. Dana is out of the country. Mr. Melo said he has to receive all the information on the person who will be using Ms. Dana equipment. He said he has been receiving other requests, and will be updating it on the web site. Mr. Hathaway said he knows someone who is willing to help with the computers. Mr. Melo said that Kevin Murphy's son is willing to help with the computer. He has spoken with Mr. Iacaponi to try to get someone to help the Town with the computer system since the Computer Manager is away. Mr. Hickey said that students at the High School would be willing to help with an internship on the computers. Mr. Melo said that next week his assistants could work on the data entries. He said next year he would contact the High School. Mr. Metcalf asked if the information to be entered has to be screened. Mr. Melo said they are finding minor corrections.

Mr. Hathaway said that residents are confused about last week's decision to let people use moorings. Mr. Melo said that everything has to go through his office. Mr. Hathaway suggested using press releases in the paper; there is no charge. Billy of Pioneer suggested putting it all on the web site and letting callers know about it.

Mr. Hickey asked about Mr. Wolstenholme's case. He said this is unusual and that the harbormaster will know the reason for a boat not being on it. Mr. Melo said that this is coming up and he is being notified of all changes. Mr. Hathaway said to monitor this situation; if it happens alot maybe an administrative fee should be charged for this. Mr. Hickey said any new fees have to go before Town Meeting. Mr. Melo said that he would like a "Temporary Use Form" to be filled out; violations could result in loosing the mooring. Mr. Melo said to monitor how it works this year.

Mr. Metcalf asked about dingy permits. He said it should be looked at. Mr. Melo said they will look at dingy docks and could go before the Fall Town Meeting. He said the more we do for the people, the more you can get back. Billy suggested the Town have a floating dock, there is alot of revenue from it.

Mr. Hathaway said at the next meeting, we should discuss the summer meeting schedule and have an election of officers. The Select Board office is advertising for a new member for the WMC.

Old Business. None.

New Business. Billy from Pioneer asked about the inspections and how they should be done. He said that it involves his company, Davis & Tripp, Concordia and Rigging Loft. Mr. Melo said that his brother is a certified inspector and does inspections. Also, Matt Smith is a certified diver and listed as an inspector. Mark Harrison is a diver and works for Concordia. Mr. Peloquin said that should be discussed later. Mr. Metcalf said that there should be criteria for it. Mr. Melo said that by the end of the season it should be clarified. Mr. Hickey suggested getting the inspection companies together to help set the criteria and then the Harbormaster will finalize it. Mr. Melo said in an open meeting, it will all be discussed and ideas can be given.

Mr. Hathaway said there would be another open meeting in the fall. If anyone wants to do inspections before then, it has to go through the Harbormasters office.

Mr. Melo said that last Friday he received a call that a car was in the water. He then was at the site for a few hours because a BMW went into a cow pond. There was no damage.

Mr. Metcalf moved. Mr. Peloquin seconded to adjourn the WMC meeting at 8:21 P.M. So Voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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