

MINUTES OF WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2003

A meeting of the Waterways Committee was duly called and held on Tuesday, September 22, 2003 at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Warren Hathaway. The following people were present: Mr. Hathaway, Gerry Hickey, Robert Metcalf, Norm Peloquin, Bob Szala, Arthur Burke and Peter Hill.

Mr. Hathaway reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Hathaway thanked the clerk, Diane Vieira, for doing a good job with the minutes. He noted that he is looking for an accurate record of the meeting. Mr. Hill motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Hickey seconded. So Voted.

Mr. Hathaway reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting. First, he would like to get a report from the Acting Harbormaster, Ken Pacheco. Second, he would like to further review the mooring regulations with Mr. Hill. Third, review of the rates with Mr. Metcalf. Fourth, review of the job description of Harbormaster. Lastly, he would like to discuss the pier repairs to get it ready for Town Meeting. In new business he would like to discuss the web site readiness. Then there will be an open discussion. Mr. Hill moved to accept the agenda. Mr. Hickey seconded. So voted.

Mr. Ken Pacheco discussed the estimates for repair of the town dock. He has estimates from Gifford Marine and AGM Construction from Mashpee. The AGM price is for replacement of the entire dock. He received the quote last March but the prices are still good. Mr. Pacheco said AGM feels that it would be easier to replace the entire dock. He also stated that Tripp has given him a verbal quote of \$25,000. but he has not received a written quote. Mr. Hathaway said that he had met with Mike Gagne and Ed Iacaponi to get ready for Town Meeting. One of the concerns is getting the pier in good shape. There is concern that it is an accident waiting to happen. Mr. Hathaway said that Mr. Gagne would research to see if there is any State money available. Mr. Hickey said he has spoken with State Representative Quinn and there may be emergency funds available. Mr. Hathaway said that the present plan is to appropriate the money at Town Meeting to repair the entire pier. Mr. Hathaway said that he would like one more quote.

Mr. Pacheco said he is looking into the Division of Fisheries grant program. He said there was a September 2 deadline. He said Hue Hollister is the person to contact regarding an extension of the deadline. His number is 617-626-1524 and there is also a web site.

Mr. Burke said that we are obligated to get three bids. Ms. Nat Dias said that up to a certain amount there has to be three bids and it also has to be advertised; and this will exceed that amount. Mr. Hathaway asked Mr. Szala to check with Mike Gagne to find out the bid process and report back to Mr. Pacheco. Mr. Hathaway asked the committee if this is something they really want to do. Mr. Hickey is concerned that the Town spends this money only to find out that there is a grant available. He would like to check with Mr. Quinn first on the availability of State money. Mr. Hathaway agreed and stated that there is some time available. We have to go before the Advisory and Finance Committed within a few weeks to have anything ready for Town Meeting. Mr. Pacheco said he would get more quotes.

Mr. Hathaway asked Mr. Pacheco if he had anything else to say. He thanked Mr. Pacheco for his input.

Mr. Hathaway asked Mr. Hill for a report regard the mooring issue. He said that Mr. Gagne would like the regulations be taken to Town Meeting. Mr. Hill said that all of the items have been

approved except for the use of mushrooms north of the bridge and #8 the waiting list question of two lists. Mr. Pacheco said that the second list will be a temporary list. Mr. Pacheco said he has spoken with people and there will be a hard time to enforce this. Mr. Hill said Edgartown and Providencetown allow for temporary use. Mr. Pacheco said people were concerned with the liability if something happens when someone has temporary use of it, who is responsible for any repairs. Mr. Hill said the reason for this was to allow people to use the water if a mooring was empty for a period of time. Another question was who would pay for the wear on the mooring. Mr. Hill said that the mooring could be inspected before and after temporary use, then that person who used it would be responsible for any repairs. Mr. Hickey feels it should be worked out between the owner and renter of the mooring, he doesn't feel it is right to leave a mooring empty for most of the season. Mr. Pacheco said it is about \$100. to have a mooring inspected. Mr. Burke asked if the Town could collect a rental fee and share it with the owner, this could cover any necessary repairs. Mr. Peloquin said that when he leaves the NBYC for a period of time, someone uses his slip every night. Mr. Hathaway said there could be a flat fee for temporary rental of a slip. Mr. Burke said that a fee could easily cover the wear and tear on the mooring. Mr. Pacheco feels a temporary list could be a nightmare for one or two weeks of use. Mr. Hathaway said there will only be one boat of record. Mr. Hill suggested making it a seasonal list instead of temporary and the person using it will be responsible. Mr. Hill asked what everyone thinks a rental charge should be for the season, what they would pay for use of someone else mooring for the season. Mr. Peloquin and Burke both said \$500. should cover the cost. Mr. Hathaway agreed. Mr. Metcalf feels they should pay something, maybe based on the boat. The owner of the mooring will be responsible for the mooring fee. Mr. Hill feels we should be able to compensate the owner for wear and tear on the tackle. He feels this money should be controlled by the harbormaster. He feels the harbormaster should be responsible to see that the inspections are done. Mr. Pacheco said it should be a simple system or else the paperwork will take up the Harbormaster's time, less time he will spend out on the harbor. Mr. Metcalf asked if different fees should be charged for different area of the harbor. This would have to go to Town Meeting to establish a fee. Mr. Hickey feels they should agree on this. He suggested maybe 0-20 feet \$500.00, 21-30 feet \$600. , 31-40 feet \$700.00, etc. He feels this is very cheap to have a mooring in the harbor for the summer. This fee will be set on the boat of record.