

Salisbury Harbor Commission

*Town Hall, Beach Road
Salisbury, MA 01952*



David Mitchell

Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE of MEETING: 9/3/20

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Santos, C. Maclean, D. Mitchell, C. Chapman

HARBORMASTER PRESENT: W. van de Stadt

MEMBERS ABSENT: M. Audette, T. Olsen, J. Andrews, D. Chretien, M, St Jean

GUESTS: Ray Pike

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: R. Santos/C. Maclean approval unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Staffing levels are good. Collections are OK approximately \$500 short of last year. Harbormaster is proposing no more floats in the river. Because they are not lit, they pose a hazard to navigation. Harbormaster has been in touch with the marinas to square up their bills. There were no issues with the Trump boat parade. Harbormaster commented on the amount of kayaks in the river. Some of the kayakers had very little experience with kayaking or the river and sometimes get into difficulty. W. van de Stadt to contact Plum Island Kayak to see if they can educate their customers before launching them into the river. C. Maclean commented that it may be better if Willem works with Paul Hogg, Harbormaster in Newburyport to bring the concerns to Plum Island Kayak. Willem discussed possible placement of two to four moorings in the river to be used as rentals for transient boaters for next season. Boaters could book these moorings through the Dockwa online application. Two moorings would cost approximately \$2,500 and could rent for \$30 per night.

OLD BUSINESS:

MBTA lot clean up. C. Maclean to meet with Lisa DeMeo on 9/4 to go over what needs to be done at the MBTA lot and possible placement of unused rocks at the Town Pier to build a wall on the right side of the parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS:

The patrol boat engine has been repaired and is running well. Final cost was \$8,900 approximately.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Motion was made to get decoys for the harbormaster boats, to keep the seabirds away, in the amount of \$200. R. Santos/C. Maclean approval unanimous. Harbor Commission Chairman C. Chapman to contact Jonathan Andrews to see if he is still interested in remaining on the Commission. D. Mitchell brought up the fact that the Harbor Commission website has not been updated and should be updated to reflect current members along with their titles, membership status and term expirations. There are currently six members showing expired terms. R. Santos to contact James Ryan to see who updates the website.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Ray Pike reported that on August 27th, Neal Harrington had a meeting with Rings Island residents regarding the old fire station and schoolhouse. He wanted to see proposals for uses of these buildings that would benefit the public. He wanted the proposals in early September. Ray suggested that the Harbor Commission put forth a proposal for use as a new Harbormaster office. The “interested parties” wanted the outboard engines, currently stored there by the Harbormaster, to be removed. Since there is no alternative location, C. Maclean suggested that we leave them in place until the use of the building is decided, C. Chapman commented that rehabbing and maintaining that building could cost a lot of money.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 1, 2020. Location to be determined.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:03 PM. C. Maclean/ D. Mitchell Approval unanimous.

**David Mitchell
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