

Salisbury Harbor Commission

*Town Hall 5 Beach Road
Salisbury, MA 01952*



Stephen Roth
Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: July 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 7:14

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Mitchell, Charles MacLean, Reggie Santos, Mark St. Jean, Chris Chapman, Stephen Roth

HARBORMASTER PRESENT: Willem van de Stadt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Olsen, Dave Chretien

GUESTS: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Minutes for June meeting and May 17 (Working Meeting) unanimously approved

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

- Correspondence

HM received many calls about moorings and complaints about jetskis on the river. One customer called regarding issue with mooring placement through vendor. HM will be speaking with vendor to address the issue.

Outgoing calls included a request for quotes on sandblasting the bottom of the Corbin boat and for quotes on new engines for the Corbin and Downwinder. HM is trying to package all quotes together to reach a decision based on the various quotes and delays in engines but should have quotes for the next meeting.

- **Current Projects**

HM indicated that the Gillis Bride will remain operational, and Rocks Village Bridge will remain in the open position for the foreseeable future. HM spoke with Merrimar about Mr. Leoni's dock proposal and the docks have arrived. HM spoke with two customers with moorings who will be impacted by the installation, and they are willing to relocate, which will also allow for removing new mooring customers from the waiting list. HM contacted Army Corp of Engineers to obtain information regarding an audit of marinas in connection with their moorings.

HM addressed possible fuel issues, specifically that costs have skyrocketed in the recent months. HM wanted to bring the issue to the Commission's attention as it could impact allocation of funds for next year. Mr. Mitchell questioned if this would impact the additional patrol but HM said it would not impact the patrol but did request if it would be possible to use the Downwinder, with only one Assistant Harbormaster on patrol, for the additional patrols as the Downwinder uses less fuel than the Corbin.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Citation Resolution Backlog**

Citation delayed due to backup at Court as a result of COVID but there are 16 open tickets being heard at Magistrate hearings on July 15th. There were 16 tickets issued on the June patrol and violators have been contacted. On July 5th patrol, there were 22 violations issued.

- **2023 Fee Schedule**

Working Meeting was held on May 17th to discuss 2023 Fee Schedule. The proposed changes include an increase in Waterway Fee and Mooring fee as well as a change in the late fee for Waterway Stickers. Will be discussed at upcoming meetings and voted on in September to be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

- **Mooring Field Reorganization**

Mr. Santos indicated that everything going as planned although he has received some opposition from mooring vendors. Will update as project progresses. HM agreed with concerns about issues with vendors, specifically servicing moorings over the winter and placing moorings.

- **Boat Repowering and Hull Conditioning**

Commission discussed the repowering of both the Corbin and the Downwinder as well as a hull conditioning for the Corbin. There was some concern about getting the quotes done by the next Commission meeting due to the severe backlog on engines because repowering would take the boats out of service for a period, probably around a week. The hull conditioning would take longer but could be done during the wintertime. It was suggested that we should wait until off-season to switch out the engines to prevent interruption in usage.

- Action on Inactive Harbor Commission Members

The Commission discussed inactive members on the Commission. Mr. Audette has officially resigned. The other inactive member, Mr. Olsen, has not been contacted but will be contacted. Mr. Roth has submitted his request to become a full member and another person has possibly applied to be an alternate.

APPROPRIATIONS: No new appropriations but the missing \$6500 from West Newbury service has been deposited into Commission accounts, which will be used for capital projects.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Mr. Roth asked about the bulletin board at the town pier. Mr. Santos indicated that it will be locked soon, and he will provide a key to Mr. Roth once that has been installed.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Next Meeting will be on August 4, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm