

Salisbury Harbor Commission

*Town Hall 5 Beach Road
Salisbury, MA 01952*



Stephen Roth
Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE of MEETING: May 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Mitchell, Stephen Roth, Charles MacLean, Reggie Santos, Dave Chretien

HARBORMASTER PRESENT: Willem van de Stadt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Olsen, Mark Audette, Mark St. Jean, Chris Chapman

GUESTS: Ray Pike

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Voted Unanimously on April minutes

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

- Correspondence

Phone calls about waterway permits but most of the calls were about mooring issues with vendors. Chief complaint regarding pulling moors and being properly serviced. HM directed them to speak to vendor. Call from Mr. Medigo regarding missing mooring but instructed to speak to vendor. HM investigated Rocksvillage Bridge and looks like it will be closed until 6/1 but work will be done to fix it around that time. Returned calls about missing moorings and vendor issues.

Viking Marine is putting together a quote to repower the HM boat and sodablast the boat as well as quote on 3 new motors. Port Marine is also putting together quote for the motors. Mermimar yacht basin providing quote for sodablasting

boats for next Fall. Downwinder motor is about 12 years old and there was discussion about replacing Corbin engines. The Corbin engines have about 2500 hours. Mr. Santos presented proposal to repower the engines on both the Downwinder and the Corbin boats, as well as sodablast the Corbin as well as repaint/re-letter. Requested advanced approval for proposal once we have quotes. Motion to continue plan accepting bids on repowering Corbin and Downwinder as well as sodablast bottoms. Motion unanimously approved.

Capt. Bob called to propose a possible EcoTour in Salisbury which would include use of mooring and is building a 32ft pontoon boat for the project. HM suggested he put together a presentation for the Commission on this issue.

Discussion with Mr. Strassazini to move his mooring. HM will check on the water to see if it can be moved. Will notify Mr. Santos if there are any changes to said mooring location.

Discussion with Mr. Leoni regarding dock extension plan. HM preparing rough draft for the project. Mr. Leoni would like to use heli-coils but not sure they can get down far enough and could break. Will need to discuss further.

- **Current Projects**

Interviewing candidates for West Newbury patrols.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Citation Resolution Backlog**

HM attempted to speak with Chief of Police but no response yet. Did speak with Court about future zoom hearing on pending tickets on July 15th. HM spoke with a few people with outstanding tickets who agreed to pay the tickets. Approximately 20 tickets that are currently pending, 2 of the oldest offenders have paid of the 22 submitted. Mr. Santos did purchase new ticket booklet for the season.

- **2023 Fee Schedule**

Working Meeting was scheduled for May 17th to discuss 2023 Fee Schedule. Will need to present to the Selectman in the Fall for 2023 season.

- **Mooring Field Reorganization**

Mr. Santos indicated that they are still waiting on final map from Essex County Planning Commission to move forward with project. Have developed Google Earth map of mooring field and now issuing permits based on that mapping, to include mooring number and ball number. Customers and marinas have been warned that they must have markings on all moorings. HM spoke with Ring's Island Marina about concerns regarding moorings and indicated that all moorings must be marked per Harbor Commission regulations. Confusion about numbers on moorings compared to how they work in Newburyport, but HM will be working educate people on how moorings need to be labeled. Will follow up with marinas to discuss mooring identification compliance.

- Painting/Staining Town Pier

Mr. Santos stated that he spoke with Mr. St. Jean who indicated that he was working to buy stain and brushes to paint. Mr. Santos Asked for \$350 appropriation to stain and paint the Town Pier. Will buy 5 gallons to start. Motion for \$350 appropriation to buy paint and stain unanimously approved.

- Articles for May Town Meeting

Two articles on for the May Town Meeting: 1. Recovery of funds from West Newbury that went into General Fund instead of Commission Revolving Fund 2. Correct verbiage for all future funds from West Newbury will be deposited into the Commission Revolving Fund.

- Mr. Pike Request for Dock Addition

Mr. Pike presented an update on his request to build docks adjacent to his property. Last meeting on the issue Commission requested letter from Mr. Pike's neighbor. No letter was presented. Mr. Pike presented configuration for docks and will come back with final plans. Has initiated the Army Corp of Engineers Permit process and contact the Conservation Commission about potential issues with the proposal, including length of legs on floats during low tide. Has not heard back from Conservation Commission about the docks sitting on marsh. HM asked how the floats will be accessed and Mr. Pike indicated that he would install a ladder to access. Will use one inch nylon line to connect the docks to the stone wall. Mr. Pike states he wants to put his canoes and kayaks on the docks as well as attaching his Boston Whaler. Mr. Mitchell asked about whether the proposed configuration had been presented to the Town or if the floats that were previously in the water last year were "grandfathered" or legal. Mr. Pike admitted that they were not grandfathered or legal. Mr. Mitchell asked if Mr. Pike will be going through proper channels to have the docks legally installed and Mr. Pike agreed that he

would be going through all proper channels to install them. HM proposed a re-configuration that would utilize a gangway so the docks would not sit on the marsh to protect ecosystem and would look cosmetically better. Mr. Roth asked how many canoes/kayaks would be stored and Mr. Pike said a pair of each would be stored on the docks. Mr. Pike indicated that two of the floats were deemed excess by the town and two others were abandoned by Larry's Marina upriver. The other was abandoned by the Rt. 95 bridge. He also stated that the docks would be sitting on the mud/rocks but Mr. Santos pointed out that although they likely would go into the mud/rocks and this would prevent them from sitting on the mud during low tide. Mr. Pike will return with further plans and permissions from other entities.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Action on Two Inactive Harbor Commission Members

The Commission discussed two inactive members on the Commission, Mr. Olsen and Mr. Audette. Mr. Audette has expressed he will be resigning but has not submitted formal resignation. Mr. Santos will reach out to both members in writing to request they either start attending meetings, resign, or the Commission will have to vote to remove them.

- Peter's Accident

Town is being sued by Mr. Karon regarding a sum of \$2500 that was caused by a boat that sunk and bumped into Mr. Karon's boat. Ongoing litigation so no detailed discussion but Mr. Santos will keep the Commission updated.

APPROPRIATIONS:

Motion for \$350 appropriation to buy paint and stain unanimously approved.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Mr. Mitchell inquired about weekday patrols. HM stated that they will occur during July and August. Will be either a morning patrol or evening patrol. The patrol times will change every week.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Next Meeting will be on June 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43