

Salisbury Harbor Commission

*Town Hall 5 Beach Road
Salisbury, MA 01952*



Stephen Roth
Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE of MEETING: April 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Chapman, Dave Mitchell, Stephen Roth, Charles McLean, Reggie Santos

HARBORMASTER PRESENT: Willem van de Stadt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Olsen, Mark Audette, Dave Chretien, Mark St. Jean

GUESTS: Dave Picard, Brian Mullen

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Voted Unanimously on March minutes

Motion to Take Visitors First Voted Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Picard: Mr. Picard lives on Poor Farm Road with a dock there for 25 years wanted to extend his dock one section. Provided drawing how it would extend one dock further. Question on what would be considered a small marina in terms of how many boats are docked at the marina. Mr. Santos indicated that the Commission changed the classification of a small marina this year, which means less than 50 boats for a small marina and more than 50 boats for a large marina. Mr. Picard indicates that he wouldn't be adding more boats except possibly a new under 15ft boat. Mr. Santos said the marina's status would not change as it would be considered a private dock and still would not go beyond the 50-boat amount to be considered a large marina. Mr. Santos asked how much further the dock would

be extended and Mr. Picard indicated it would extend a further 14ft. Harbormaster questioned how the dock would be secured and Mr. Picard said it would be attached with blocks and lines to the other docks. The mushroom anchors are serviced every year as well as the chains. The chains are 3/8 galvanized with divers. Motion to Approve Request to extend dock 14 ft into channel is unanimously approved.

Brian Mullen: Mr. Mullen, owner of Cove Marina, presented his plans to install a travel lift. Spent the past few years getting permits and authorizations, army corp of engineers was issued in March 2020, and recently received the Chapter 91 from MA EDP. Received a permit to store larger boats. Project started 9 years ago by burying all utility wires which freed them to use the travel lift in the yard. Through 2021, using GZA Engineers, sent out bids to 10 marine construction companies and chose Coastal Marine Construction. Was delayed due to lack of materials. The travel lift is secured to the ledge below and also secured to a wall that is secured by steel bars by Hub Foundations. Has cut some ledge and working on building walls. They are also working on the pilings for the actual travel lift. The foot ramp was moved to place the travel lift so the ramp will be moved 20ft over to the right of the travel lift. Needs Coastal Marine to finish construction but also dealing with the wiring. They are planning on planting and restoring salt marsh in the area. They will also have a closed loop pressure wash system, which was part of the conditions for the permit, that will be the only location for pressure washing at the marina and will be operated by trained operator. Question on whether pressure wash system is an environmental requirement, which Mr. Mullen was not clear. All water will be recycled, and the pressure washer will be put away over the winter. Harbormaster questioned about once the boat is finished being cleaned, how will the boats be removed. The travel lift is 20ft wide so they will need a local guy to use their truck to move and place boats. The Travel lift itself is 35 tons and Mr. Mullen states that no boats are overweight for the travel lift so there should be no issue lifting any of the boats out of the water. Harbormaster expressed concern about navigating into the travel lift at certain tides and Mr. Mullen indicated that they were lucky to have less of a current when closer to the shore near the travel lift. Harbormaster questions how many boats to haul a tide and Mr. Mullen indicated they would be doing 3 per tide. Mr. Mullen also stated that stands would go under the boats after being lifted but before being removed to their final location. There is also a temporary dock that people can park that is within 50 feet of travel lift so they could be pulled by rope if necessary. Mr. Santos questions about changes to the float system and Mr. Mullen said that any additional floats have been approved in the permitting process.

Harbormaster asked how many sailboats stored on the property and Mr. Mullen states possibly 2 or 3 with masts stay up. Harbormaster questions about the shrouds blowing because it can cause a racket. Mr. Mullen offered that he would tie them back or put on an old sail furled on. Will tell his sailboat owners to address this issue. Vote on approval of plan to install travel lift unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Article of May Meeting**

Mr. Santos indicated that this is not necessary as two articles will be submitted to by the town manager. The two articles relate to our contract with West Newbury for \$2500 that requires us to provide enforcement and pumpout. That \$2500 was not going to the commission. The first article will recoup the money that was paid for the last 3 years and the second is to change the verbiage on the revolving fund to allow for the funds to be deposited into the revolving fund, not the general fund.

- **Transfer of Funds to Stabilization Account**

Motion for the Accountant to Transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the Waterway Fee Account to the Harbor Commission Stabilization Fund, which is done annually. Motion unanimously approved.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

- **Correspondence**

Lots of incoming calls about Rocksvillage Bridge, have a number of boaters that are concerned they will be able to get to their moorings. After chatting with people, trying to keep the bridge open for the season but not clear at this moment. Bridge is 21ft but bulk of people in that area are sailboats so there could be issues with current.

Spoke MEP to keep their boat at our dock this year and said yes.

Town manager reached out to advise that fireworks will happen this year for Yankee Homecoming.

Outgoing calls to local MEP officer about ticket writing so there will be a class in May on how to write tickets better.

- **Current Projects**

Mr. Santos and Harbormaster went to visit the ongoing worksite for Mr. Leone and Merrimar, which was surveyed from the water. Harbormaster still has concerns about navigation and potentially have to relocate certain moorings but won't know until final layout.

Went to the NBPT court and have established a solid system for dealing with outstanding tickets and have their first zoom hearing in July.

CPR training was completed so all guys are up to date.

Mr. Santos and Harbormaster removed engines from the Old Fire House on Ring's Island and brought them to the MBTA lot. Almost all of Harbormaster materials are out of the Old Fire House except a barrel of chain. Motors were moved to the container at MBTA lot with assistance from DPW.

There will be a moving crew filming on the 21-23 of April and have all required permits by KingFish Productions.

All boats were painted for the season

Harbormaster along with other helps install Newbury docks.

- Future projects

Downwinder has a small leak on tilt motor that needs to be replaced.

Also needs to get the Corbin blasted and re-painted next winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Harbormaster Office/Workshop Project

Mr. McLean stated that Morrel Electric finished their project installing the wiring for the building, added a few more lights and kept it within our budget. One thing not part of the job but states that a steel pipe should be installed to protect the meter. Mr. Santos indicated that this could be done through DPW.

- Citation Resolution Backlog

Mr. Santos stated that all 22 open citations have been submitted to the Newburyport District court. They are in process but have one open process that

needs to be checked with the chief of police. Also had a longtime open ticket that paid excise tax and fees, so it did not need to be submitted to the Court.

- **2023 Fee Schedule**

Mr. Roth present his report the commission which will need to be reviewed and discussed in a working meeting to discuss how to adjust our fees, if necessary.

- **Mooring Field Reorganization**

Mr. Santos stated that a lot of work was done with the help of Laura Hamilton and Collectors Officer, with help with Asst. Harbormaster. Last August they went out and surveyed 175 moorings and got the GPS location for all of them. Now in the process issuing permits based on those locations. Will be able to take names off waitlist. Developed two programs to identify the moorings, the Essex County Planning Committee is working on a program that will be on the town server to manage the moorings but in the meantime, we have a visual outline through google earth that has a GPS coordinate for each mooring. Each mooring is identified with an index number that has name, type of boat, boats name, mooring number, and location. Anyone who comes in will get the same number, unless there is a duplicate, the second person who comes in will get a new number. Will be able identify every spot. Harbormaster has 6 moorings that do not have information but are working to identify before the season. Starting end of April, will pull unidentified moorings.

APPROPRIATIONS:

Mr. Santos states he has a problem with the radio that was purchased. The radio was a little more expensive so asking for an amount not to exceed \$500 for the purchase and installation of the radio. Motion for funds unanimously approved.

Next year we will need to change the chains on the town dock but there should not be additional money needed as this expenditure was budgeted.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Request by Rings Island Historical Preservation Committee to put a signage at the town dock. Mr. Santos said there is no objection as long as it doesn't take up the entire board. No objections from Harbormaster or Mr. Santos, who has the key.

Mr. McClean would like to discuss the painting of the town dock at the next meeting and have it put on the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: See Above: Dave Picard, Brian Mullen

Next Meeting will be on May 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09