

# ***Salisbury Harbor Commission***

*Town Hall, Beach Road  
Salisbury, MA 01952*



**David Mitchell**

*Secretary*

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**DATE of MEETING: 5/20/21**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Santos, D. Mitchell,  
M. Audette, M. St Jean, C. Chapman**

**HARBORMASTER PRESENT: W. van de Stadt**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Olsen, C. Maclean, D. Chretien**

**GUESTS: None**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: M. Audette/M. St Jean, vote unanimous.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Incoming calls: Calls about season starting. Mooring applications and where to find them.**

**Outgoing calls: Answering questions about the wait list. Assisting with the sturgeon study place a few survey buoys throughout the river. Contact person is Micah Kieffer.**

### **HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:**

**Started placing boaters on the waitlist in various spots throughout the river.**

**Season start last Saturday on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Good first two days.**

**Did some training upriver with the new pumpout operator starting to make some progress with new employees.**

**Harbor patrol found a swimmer in the river. Patrol helped him back to his mooring.**

**Made sure he went to the hospital to be checked.**

**Fast water training will be conducted on June 19 and 20. Newburyport Harbor patrol to cover.**

## **Harbormaster Projects:**

**Try and place all boaters on the waitlist.**

**Received a call from Billy Gynan about restoring the toothpick.**

**Placed the three downriver no wake buoys on the 15 May.**

**Placing the three upriver no wake buoys this Saturday 22 May.**

**Shell fish constable report: nothing new there.**

**WWP revenue status: No report**

## **Special projects:**

**Looking at other town with regard to boat storage.**

**Acceptance of Harbormaster Report: M. Audette/M. St Jean vote unanimous.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**No report on an office for the Harbormaster.**

**MBTA lot –Completed**

**Harbormaster reported that the funds requested for fast water training will be reduced.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Reorganization: D. Mitchell resigned as Secretary effective 7/1/21 but will continue as a regular member of the Commission. M. Audette volunteered to be Secretary after July 1. Chairman and Vice Chairman Positions postponed until the next meeting.**

**Float replacement Program Proposal: R. Santos proposed building at least two new floats each year. Propose to use \$5,000 to build two floats and dispose of old floats. The work will be done by the Harbormaster department. Proposal is to start in the Spring of 2022. R. Santos estimates 80 manhours/one week per float.**

## **ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

**Discussion on work to be done on the navigational aid known as the “toothpick”. Harbormaster stated that Billy Gynan would be willing to volunteer to help restore the structure. D. Mitchell questioned as to who owns the structure. It appears that it may be the US Coast Guard which would require their approval if they, in fact, own it. D. Mitchell also questioned whether or not there would be a liability issue should one of the volunteers get injured. There may be historical issues as well.**

**M. St Jean initiated a discussion about the northern end of Blackwater river. He stated there are a lot of kayakers that frequent that location and asked about emergency access by the Harbormaster should an emergency situation arise. The Harbormaster stated that, at present, they cannot respond out there. M. St Jean suggested looking at access to that area. C. Chapman stated that it might be quicker on foot. Possibly the fire department could respond. M. St Jean said he would be willing to work with the Harbormaster to develop possible solutions.**

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: None**

**The next regular meeting will be held on June 17, 2021.**

**A motion to adjourn was made at 7:32 PM. D. Mitchell/M. St Jean, Approval unanimous.**

**David Mitchell  
Secretary**