

Salisbury Harbor Commission

*Town Hall, Beach Road
Salisbury, MA 01952*



David Mitchell

Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE of MEETING: 10/1/20

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 PM

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

HARBORMASTER PRESENT: W. van de Stadt

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Olsen, J. Andrews, D. Chretien,

GUESTS: Lucy McCarty

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Acting Harbormaster received correspondence from the Massachusetts Dept of Revenue for help in identifying certain boaters in the area. The Acting Harbormaster has contacted boaters who still owe money. He has also been in touch with Dockwa regarding their program for transient mooring rental.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

The patrol conducted two rescues. One of a sailboat at the Reservation and the other a kayaker at the Plum Island Bridge.

Three upriver moorings have been removed.

Dock removal is scheduled for October 17th.

Patrol season ends October 17th.

Acting Harbormaster suggested creating a brochure to be handed out to kayakers on the river in conjunction with the Newburyport Harbormaster.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report on an office for the Harbormaster.

C. Maclean has been in touch with Lisa DeMeo, DPW. Lisa committed to supply one person with equipment on October 10th to move and place rocks in front of the berm

in the parking lot. The Commission will pay the OT rate of the DPW employee working on this project. C. Maclean and M. St Jean will be going down to the Town Pier on October 8th to clean up the berm prior to the rock placement work.

NEW BUSINESS:

W. van de Stadt is proposing either a purchase or lease of a storage container for use at the MBTA lot for Harbormaster equipment storage. The container could be delivered to the site within one week if the Commission approves the use. W. van de Stadt has quotes for the container and will bring them to the Commission, R. Santos stated that three quotes must be obtained. Willem also discussed the rental of a dumpster if Ray Pike does not remove the old floats.

Regarding end of season layup, R. Santos stated that four buoys are out with two left to be removed. The West Newbury pumpout boat will be going to Riverfront Marine for winterization, Bandit will be going to the Honda dealer and the other two boats will be done by the Harbormaster crew. All floats will be out on October 17th.

Willem discussed the use of Dockwa. Dockwa is a cloud based app where boaters can reserve transient moorings or dock space. If the boater uses a credit card then Dockwa charges 3.5%. If the boater uses cash, then there is no charge to the Harbormaster. Willem stated that Newburyport has 15 to 18 moorings listed on Dockwa and are very happy with the program. Willem is proposing two for Salisbury. D. Mitchell asked to see the total cost of the two moorings in order to see the cost vs. potential revenue of the proposal.

Chairman Chapman has been in touch with Jonathan Andrews regarding his participation. Jonathan told Chairman Chapman that he will resign. R. Santos made a motion to postpone a vote to remove to the next meeting to see if a resignation has been submitted. M. Audette seconded. Unanimous.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

R. Santos discussed the email he received from Lisa DeMeo, DPW. The email concerned the new water rates now that the Town has taken over the former Rings Island Water District. The old bill was \$245. The new bill would be \$2,573 plus \$75 to install the meter at the beginning of the season and \$75 to remove the meter at the end of the season plus a fee for the actual amount of water used. R. Santos informed the Commission that the CFO along with the Acting and Deputy Harbormaster will meet with the Town Manager to discuss options.

C. Maclean and R. Santos met with Lisa DeMeo regarding the MBTA lot. Lisa agreed to take over the mowing of the grass in that lot.

W. van de Stadt discussed off season training for the Harbormaster department. He thought it would be good to get trained on swift water rescue along with kayak rescue.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Lucy McCarty addressed the Commission regarding the berm work which is located adjacent to her home. Lucy requested that she be notified when any work is to be

done so that she can be there to see what the plans are for cleaning and maintaining the berm. Lucy suggested closing off the parking lot the night before the work as some people park overnight on occasion. Lisa DeMeo has contacted Lucy to assure her that there will be no digging done. Lucy stated that the new “no parking” sign placed by R. Santos is working well. Lucy was concerned with two floats that are in disrepair next to the Town Pier. W. van de Stadt will check with Ray Pike as to the two floats removal.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 5, 2020.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:04 PM. M. Audette/C. Maclean/ Approval unanimous.

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