# Salisbury Harbor Commission

Town Hall, Beach Road Salisbury, MA 01952



### **David Mitchell**

**Secretary** 

## MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE of MEETING: 8/5/21

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 PM** 

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Santos, D. Mitchell, M. St Jean, C. Chapman, S. Roth, C. Maclean

HARBORMASTER PRESENT: W. van de Stadt

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Olsen, D. Chretien, M. Audette

**GUESTS:** Steve Roth Sr.

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Incoming calls: Calls about transient moorings. Tim Slavit – his boat is being sold and he will pay the \$565 in fines to the Town. New lobster boat in town with all permits set with the Town. There were some mooring disputes which were worked out by the Harbormaster. C. Maclean asked the Harbormaster if he has a layout of all moorings. Harbormaster stated that he did have one.

#### HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

A small Boston Whaler flipped over upriver. Patrol boat responded to the rescue. The boat was salvaged by the owner. A boat took on water at Rings Island and the Harbormaster dewatered the boat and hauled to Cashman.

Continued cleaning up of the mooring fields.

Some large vessels, a 70 foot and 52 foot, are looking for moorings above Yankee Landing Marina.

Shellfish beds are closed due to the tides.

The Waterways permit fees collected this year are approx. \$75,000.

Fast water training for the Harbor Patrol has been rescheduled to September 18 and 19.

A boater moored at Cove Marina got stuck in a hatch on his boat and had to be extricated. The boater suffered a dislocated shoulder.

The Saturday night patrol on August 7<sup>th</sup> will have a full complement of staff on the water due to the Yankee Homecoming fireworks.

C. Chapman asked how the Harbormaster communicates with the Newburyport Harbormaster. Answer – by radio on the same frequency.

Looking into possible grant money to secure a skiff for use in Black Water Creek. M. St Jean discussed Black Water Creek.

D. Mitchell asked about additional harbor patrols during the week. The Harbormaster stated he would look into this at least for next year. R. Santos thought they might be able to start in August.

R. Santos reported that we may have approx. \$8,000 in savings under the budget. Will look to retrieve that money.

D. Mitchell asked how much money would need to be funded to support the additional weekday patrols. The Harbormaster stated that he would need two crew to run the Corbin for these patrols.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No report on an office for the Harbormaster.

MBTA lot –Completed. Ongoing maintenance should be done by the DPW as that is their area of responsibility.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

R. Pike Presentation: No presentation by Ray Pike.

Reorganization of the Commission: C. Chapman will remain Chairman. R. Santos will remain Co Chairman. M. Audette will be the new Secretary.

#### ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

D. Mitchell asked about the staining of the seats and railings at the Town Pier. M. St Jean volunteered to take care of this project.

Discussion about a new Harbormaster office. C. Maclean and D. Mitchell will work on this potential office. R. Santos suggested the possibility of building one at the MBTA lot. Would need grant money.

Discussion about removing the floats at the end of the year and where to store them other than the Town Pier. Possible to float them down to the Reservation and store them there or possibly pulling them out at the MBTA lot. Hire a professional to do this.

R. Santos suggested possibly setting up an Enterprise fund for the Commission. All monies would then go into that fund and could be carried over year to year. S. Roth volunteered to look into this for the Commission.

C. Chapman to contact T.Olson to see if he wants to continue on the Harbor Commission as he has been absent for a number of months.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: Steve Roth Sr. asked about the floats at the ramp belonging to R. Pike. There seems to have been a lack of action in removing them.

Harbormaster said that he would speak to Ray Pike again. Steve Roth Sr. complimented the Harbormaster on the job he is doing.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 2, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:52 PM. C. Maclean/M. St Jean, Approval unanimous.

David Mitchell Secretary