

# *Salisbury Harbor Commission*

*Town Hall 5 Beach Road  
Salisbury, MA 01952*



**Stephen Roth**  
**Secretary**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**DATE of MEETING:** March 3, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:02

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chris Chapman, Mark St. Jean, Dave Mitchell, Stephen Roth, Charles McLean, Reggie Santos

**HARBORMASTER PRESENT:** Willem van de Stadt

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Olsen, Mark Audette, Dave Chretien

**GUESTS:** Joe Leone, Tom Hughes

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Voted Unanimously on amended January minutes and February minutes

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

#### **- Correspondence**

Lots of incoming calls. One from W. Newbury that has a houseboat, directed to call conversation commission, have not heard back. Lots of calls about waterway permits. Haverhill Fire Chief wants coverage over weekends in the summer because not sure if he has Harbormaster. If we are up there, we can lend a hand. Difficulty is headway speed so another hour or so further upriver but we can't go back past bridges without taking care of our area. Chief was more concerned about coverage but again, we must stay within our control area.

Outgoing call to Amesbury about trying to figure out pump out services, have not heard back from the Police Chief on that issue.

#### **- Current Projects**

Working on ticket program to get them submitted correctly and through the court system. Twenty-two outstanding tickets from 2019 and 2020 and none have made it through court. Went to the court and have plan to get them into the system and processed. Plan is to be able to go once or twice a month to make sure tickets are processed.

Tentative date for first week in March for CPR. \$45 a person which includes a book and certification. Currently in recertification process.

Lost an operator in W. Newbury, one confirmed for an interview, another expressed interest but has not seen resume.

Cost of midweek patrols would be \$150/day for 1 person patrol and \$280/day for 2-person patrol. Could use old pumpout boat. Having a presence on the water would be beneficial. Commission has money to do one extra weekly patrol for this year, but staffing may be an issue. Newburyport is on water every day and Coast Guard is in 2 to 3 times during the week but overall lean during the week. Looking to cover 4am to 8am to monitor fishing boats leaving in the morning or 4pm to 8pm in the evening. Possibility of roving schedule during the week. Unanimous approval for motion on one extra roving weekly patrol for July and August.

- **Future projects**

Set up MA Environmental Police, April 6<sup>th</sup> for ticket writing training, to get more information on tickets and receive training.; Interviewing for new assistant Harbormasters; Spoke with Coast Guard half day course on basic training, how to get to scene or assist on a scene; On July 1, there is a change of command at Merrimac Coast Guard Station, Senior Chief Hessler will take over from Chatham Station.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Update on Harbormaster Office/Workshop Project**

Mr. McLean discussed the re-scheduling of job to March 28, to do the trench and run the power. Will go in earlier if they can. Will be in contact to make sure all set but nothing further.

- **2023 Fee Schedule**

Waiting on more information from Mr. Roth.

- **Mooring Field Reorganization**

Mr. Leone's proposition needs to be reviewed before the mooring field can be arranged. In process of issuing permits. Last year the existing field was surveyed, and any unidentifiable spots were marked, and renewing customers will be given GPS coordinates and required to mark their mooring ball in accordance with bylaws. Some unmarked but will need to be sorted when people come through requesting their mooring that was unidentified. Large scale map is being produced of the mooring field that will show entire survey with index numbers. Will be renewed annually. Any mooring put in the water without required markings will be removed. Trying to get out there before May 1<sup>st</sup> to remove abandoned mooring, many unidentifiable. If it does not have a name or number, it will be removed. Potential people who will be upset but it is very important to clean up the field.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **- Mr. Joe Leone Dock Proposition**

Tom Hughes, Hughes Environmental Consulting, presented new site plans on a dock for Mr. Leone's property at 20 Friendfelds Road, Salisbury, MA 01952. Mr. Leone's boat requires 5 feet draft, current docks are down to 1.5ft at dead low. Float system needs to be extended; boat is 58ft in length so 70 ft. of length required for float. Also wants a smaller boat on a small finger of the new float but doesn't have the boat yet. Near a mooring field and the proposed float would be near the swing of a boat that is moored nearby. Nylon rope with blocks to hold the float down. Jay from Merrimar will be installing the float. Looking to use seasonal pipe pilings as well. Existing chapter 91 dock with a float system, with the first year looking for a 10A program approval and then pursue chapter 91 approval later. Harbormaster indicated there would be several boats that could be impacted with the float installation, there are some rocks nearby that could impact navigation, and may not need 70ft. Harbormaster plan is to look at the proposed site from the water. Harbormaster indicated that there is a strong current there and may be some navigation issues, so shortening the float might be a better plan. Question on costs of whether moving existing moorings and who would pay. Also question of how Mr. Leone would navigate in and out of the float location. Harbormaster stated we are looking to re-work the mooring fields so may be a question of where other boats go. Mr. Leone is looking to also install water and electricity. Existing, unmarked blocks could potentially be in the water that could be hazard at low tide. Ultimate concern is relocating current customers, so Harbormaster needs to review notes. Unanimous vote on Conditional approval of plans pending Harbormaster approval for new float.

### **- Citations**

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## **APPROPRIATIONS:**

\$300 of the \$400 approved for shelving was used and project complete. New radio has not been purchased due to fire at factory. May need to purchase different brand and will request commission approval if needed.

**ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Request to make copy harbormaster report. Mr. Roth must submit request for permanent position once it becomes available. Unanimous motion for Mr. Roth to be new secretary approved.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** See Above: Joe Leone, Tom Hughes

**Next Meeting will be on April 7 2022 at 7:00 pm. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17**