



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Workshop Notes November 15, 2023

A Workshop of the Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee was held via Zoom as approved by the Town Manager with the Committee's approval.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Chairman Paul Everson. Quorum has been confirmed and Everson read the following notice at the beginning of the meeting:

NOTICE OF RECORDING "Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on Town of Barnstable's Government Access Channel and, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s. 20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known."

Roll Call:

Board Members present: Paul Everson, Chairman; Peter Cross; Gary Shramek

Board Members absent: Greg Egan; Todd Walantis

Town Staff present: Brian Taylor, Harbormaster; Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster/Mooring Officer; Alicia Lauzon, MEA Administrative Assistant

Town Counsel Liaison absent: Paul Neary

Public: None

II. WORKSHOP

1. Mooring Regulations

The following proposed mooring regulation changes to go into effect the first of the year were presented by Deputy Harbormaster Horn.

406-4. Mooring Permits

A Town of Barnstable mooring permit is required for all moorings placed in the waters of the Town of Barnstable. Falsifying information on a mooring permit application or failure to submit a fully completed mooring permit application shall be cause for non-consideration of such application. **The Harbormaster or his designee have final discretion on permitting of all moorings in the Town of Barnstable.**

Chairman Paul Everson questioned what the appeal process would be, and Harbormaster Taylor stated that it would be the same as it currently is. All in favor of regulation change.

A) (3) For all new mooring applications and changes of vessels: Vessels must be owned by the mooring permit holder. Further, all vessels must be registered or documented with and in the same name of the mooring permit holder as listed on the mooring permit. The spouse of a legally married couple may appear on ~~registration~~, documentation, title and/or bill of sale. However, the mooring permit is issued solely to the individual name on the mooring permit. **Spouse permitted solely on registration/documentation.**

Board members thought the wording was a little confusing on this proposed change. HM Taylor and DHM Horn assured things will pretty much stay the same, this will just help aid in the process of moving people off the waitlist. Right now, the regulations only allow one name, the mooring holder, on the registration. This makes it difficult to move some people off the waitlist who have a boat in a spouse's name. Spouse's names are currently already permitted on documentation along with the permit holder's name. All in favor of regulation change.

(8) (8) Permitted individual moorings are transferable within the immediate family. The immediate family shall include brother, sister, son, daughter, father, mother, or spouse. Transfer fee, documentation to support the relationship, and a notarized letter stating the intent to transfer the mooring are required. No more than one transfer may occur per year (365 Days) **Per Calendar Year**

All in favor of regulation change after also striking out "per year" to avoid repetition.

406-6. Mooring Tag

The use of a mooring tag is at the discretion of the Harbormaster.

406-6. **A non-motorized vessel under 12' may only be registered to a mooring for the first year of issuance. Permitting a non-motorized vessel for more than one year is at the discretion of the Harbormaster.**

This regulation was previously approved by the Waterways Committee. DHM Horn would like this to replace the current regulation because mooring tags are no longer being used. HM Taylor and DHM Horn would like all moorings to be used as intended. HM Taylor stated they would also add "or his designee" after discretion of the Harbormaster. This would help move towards all moorings having to be occupied and eliminate those who use a kayak or small vessel, which can be stored on town property with a small vessel permit, as a placeholder. All in favor of regulation change.

406-16.

(H) The following waiting lists: Cotuit Town Docks/Ropes, Cotuit Bay Shores, North Bay, North Bay Channel, Prince Cove, West Bay, Tim's Cove, Centerville River, East Bay and Fish Hills, Cotuit Ropes/Cordwood, West Bay Flats shall be in effect ~~and considered closed until the respective waiting list has been diminished and all applicants have either been awarded a mooring or have been removed for failure to perform~~ **until additional names are needed to be added per discretion of the Harbormaster.**

Regulations would keep "and considered closed" in the wording and add "or his designee" after discretion of the Harbormaster. This would allow more movement because there are currently some waitlists that DHM Horn has not been able to diminish due to the fact that the people left on the waitlist keep passing on offered moorings in that field. DHM Horn has been collecting data to keep track of who keeps passing on offered moorings. Names would continue to be added through a lottery system. All in favor of regulation change.

406-16.

(C) The waiting list shall be renewable at the beginning of each calendar year. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to notify the Harbormaster's Office, in writing, between January 1st and February 15th of each year of his/her desire to remain on the waiting list. The Harbormaster's Office must receive said notice on forms approved by the Harbormaster by the deadline date along with the fee. If the deadline day falls on a day when the Harbormaster's Office is closed then the deadline will be the next business day.

February 28th

This would coincide with the mooring permit renewal deadline instead of having two separate dates. This date would remain a hard deadline with no appeal process. All in favor of regulation change.

III. Matters not reasonably Anticipated by the Chair:

Committee members would still like to see all moorings being used and needing to have a boat on them. HM Taylor stated there is a plan in place to move in that direction, but they are not currently ready for that. DHM Horn is currently focusing primarily on getting mooring permit numbers up and getting people off the waitlist, while enforcing as he does so. Once the numbers are up, enforcement will be the primary focus.

IV. Adjournment:

There being no further business, all members are in favor to adjourn at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alicia Lauzon, Town of Barnstable MEA Administrative Assistant