



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes February 28, 2023

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee was held via Zoom due to the Governor's orders regarding COVID19 on February 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 Channel 18 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, Greg Egan, Todd Walantis, Gary Shramek

Board Members absent: None

Town Staff present: Brian Taylor, Harbormaster, Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster (DH), Pam Swider-Cohen, Principal Department Assistant

Town Counsel Liaison absent: Paul Neary

Public: Arlene Wilson of A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc., John O'Dea of Sullivan Engineering

II. Meeting Minutes:

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III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

1. Hahn, Angela Y, 150 Bay Road, Cotuit, MA 02635, Map 7/Parcel 18. The applicant proposes to construct and maintain a 4' wide brushed footpath through 50' buffer, bank access stairs; pile supported dinghy dock with 3' X 12' ramp, 8' X 12' float and kayak racks. **Arlene Wilson of A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc. is representing this property. She is a Wetlands Consultant as opposed to an engineer. This project is a pile supported pier because the sediments are so soft and muddy and a dinghy dock as the depth of water is not sufficient to have a motor. She will answer any questions. Everson asked what is the water depth at the end of the pier? Wilson stated it is about 1.5 feet. Dock to the South appears to have a vessel on it that was approved before the Conservation Commission created water depth restrictions. DH Horn stated it is 50 feet beyond low water and 80 feet from High Water mark. DH Horn stated this is not a navigational concern. Committee voted in favor of the project by roll call vote, Peter Cross approved, Gary Shramek approve, Greg Egan in favor, Todd Walantis in favor, and Paul Everson in favor.**
2. Sidman, Lori, Trustee, 185* Ocean View Avenue, Cotuit, MA 02635, Map 033/ Parcel 016. The applicant proposes to repair, maintain and relocate pier head and boat lifts. Due to shoreline accretion, pier lifts will be adjusted 25 feet seaward; the pier will extend 60 feet from Mean High Water. **John O'Day of Sullivan Engineering is representing this project. It is an existing pier which has experienced severe accretion**

in the last ten years. This shore line has filled in about 44 feet and the pier has three existing boat lifts with one not operational at all and another only at high tide. Looking to get the pier operational. DH Horn stated that navigation is not an issue, but the Harbormaster feels this is a situation that dredging would be a better option. Cross is reluctant to say yes to this project as it is a choke point, dredging at the pier point is better option, Gary Shramek - dredge is best, Greg Egan asked is Sampsons creeping west? John O'Dea looked into dredging, but with this level of accretion it would since 2010 and now 44 feet. Trying to get back to the original use of the pier rather than looking to get a bigger better boat. Todd Walantis understands wanting to restore the pier to its previous use, but at this location dredging may be best. It may be short sighted with the changes limiting navigation and water flow he's nervous of what may happen in the future. Paul Everson said there is no slowdown of use of this passage, and would be reluctant to extend this pier into a choke point. Would like to see a dredge and monitor it for buildup over year. Peter Cross situation is too fluid and dynamic to approve this. All agreed to a continuance for a month to see if we can get more information.

IV. Mooring Appeals: None

V. Old Business:

1. Mooring regulations Harbormaster Taylor would like to keep this on the agenda as it will be coming soon.
2. Marina fees Harbormaster Taylor is working on presenting Marina fees and will hold meetings to discuss the proposed changes by Marina. He would like slip holders to be able to respond.

VI. New Business: None

VII. Correspondence:

1. Hearing for renewal of aquaculture grant for Jonathan Martin, 14 Locust Lane, Barnstable, MA 02630. The Town Manager public hearing will be held on 3/15/2023 at 9:00 A.M.

VIII. Harbormaster Report:

DH Horn stated February 28th is the first deadline and 2238 moorings have been renewed. We still have 300 people who have not renewed their moorings. They have until March along with a \$50.00 late fee required to renew their permits. The MEA Office is open for business during the construction work on Phinney's Lane.

IX. Matters not reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None

X. Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Peter Cross and seconded by Greg Egan; unanimously voted by roll call to approve the motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Swider-Cohen, Principal Department Assistant