



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Meeting Minutes December 28, 2010

Chairman:
John Meade

Committee Members:
Michael Hersey
Frederick Komenda
Steven Swain
Joseph Duffy

Council Liaison:
Frederick Chirigotis

In Attendance:

Members: John Meade, Michael Hersey, Steven Swain, Joseph Duffy

Staff: Joe Gibbs, Mooring Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7pm

II. MINUTES:

Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes of November 23, 2010.

III. NOTICES OF INTENT (NOI):

None.

IV. MOORING APPEALS:

None.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance/Regulations updates/discussions on tackle in the water between July 1 and September 1 continued.

John Meade shared a draft letter with the committee on the subject and Steven Swain also had a related proposal to share. John opened the floor for discussing reasonably fair and affordable ways to enforce the regulation.

Joseph Duffy suggested setting a general goal - asking for a monthly report on how many tackles were found/not found.

Steven Swain brought up the issue of buoy identification and type of buoys used.

Joe Gibbs would like to get away from lobster buoys. He would like to go to a 'permanent numbering' system i.e. using a location based numbering system – this would require a change to the regulation as well as the ordinance.

Regarding enforcement – that would depend on seasonal staffing, weather, etc. and would be best to be done by rotating mooring areas. By using collected data, letters will be sent out, to those whose tackle had not been found within a number of seasons, a few weeks before the mooring renewals are mailed. They will therefore be put on notice for putting their tackle in the water in 2011 and to be in full compliance of the regulations. If they fail to do so, then the mooring permit will be revoked, this can then be appealed.

Steve Swain presented his proposal. Using available data, he saw that there were a number of small vessels on large moorings. Namely 723 vessels out of 2500 moorings town wide were on moorings that were too large for the size vessel.

He proposed moving the vessel/mooring to another area within the mooring field that is more appropriate for the vessel size as stated in mooring regulation 406-7. This would free up a lot of space for new boats/moorings.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

Town Clerk – Annual Conflict of Interest acknowledgement received by the members of the Waterways Committee to sign.

VIII. HARBORMASTER REPORT:

Mooring and Marina updates:

*Millway boat ramp – expecting the last of the permits to be ready by the first of the year.

*Cotuit Town Dock dredging – DEP should have permits by mid-January but may not be completed this year as County Dredge feels there are timing constraints.

*East Bay boat ramp – there are some funds to do some work there. Consulting contract has been awarded town engineering dept will do a survey and some soundings.

*Blish Point drainage – work on the parking area should be completed soon weather permitting.

*Mooring and Marina wait list renewals will be going out the end of the week and are due back March 15th. Any waitlist renewals received after March 15th will be removed from the list.

*Mooring renewals will be mailed the first week of February. They are due March 31st and have a late period until May 14th with a late fee.

*Marina slip deposits are also going out and are due by January 31st.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:25p.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary McGaughey
Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting:
January 25, 2011 @7pm
MEA – Phinney's Lane, Centerville