



Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville MA 02632

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Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2011

Chairman:

John Meade

Committee Members:

Michael Hersey
Frederick Komenda
Steven Swain
Joseph Duffy

Council Liaison:

Frederick Chirigotis

In Attendance:

Members: John Meade, Frederick Komenda, Joseph Duffy

Staff: Joe Gibbs - Mooring Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman John Meade called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

II. MINUTES:

Minutes for May 24, 2011 were tabled until next meeting.

III. NOTICES OF INTENT (NOI):

None.

IV. MOORING APPEALS:

Kelley – Cotuit (LCTD) – appeal approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance/Regulations updates/discussion – tabled until fall meeting.

Mooring Waitlist Lottery List –

Joe Gibbs reported to the Committee that there will be 25 names added to the bottom of the current Centerville River, Cotuit Bay Shores, East Bay and North Bay closed wait lists. Applications with a \$5 non-refundable administrative fee will be accepted between July 18 to August 12, 2011 and the drawing will be held August 19th at Town Hall. We will only accept one entry per individual per location. The lottery results will be posted Monday, August 22nd on the Town's website, outside the MEA building as well as by email. The lottery winners will have one week to pay the \$10 waitlist fee as normally required. If not paid by the deadline, the person forfeits.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Commercial Mooring – Cape Marine Contracting – Tabled

Cotuit Fire – Use of Cotuit Town Dock

Chief Christopher Olson on behalf the Cotuit Fire Dept. requested to use Cotuit Town Dock for emergency calls and training. The Fire Dept. has a 21.5' Endeavor (marine unit) and a smaller vessel used for ponds. They have difficulty launching in timely manner during low tide. A possible option might be adding a 'T' to the dock or using the CMYC dock. Having the boat in the water instead of having to trailer it is a safety factor for the people of Cotuit.

Peter Murray of Cotuit addressed the Committee stating that a Waterways report from 1968 allowed floats to be added for dinghies and add 'L' which extended over abutters property line – affecting their riparian rights. An agreement letter from both abutters was acquired with the stipulation that it would be used for dinghies only. Right now, over half of the dinghy space has been lost due to lack of water. He suggested placing a mooring there for the fire department to use.

Michael White, owner of Cotuit Launch service, expressed his concerns on having the Cotuit Fire Dept. boat at Cotuit Town Dock due to the crime in the area during the summer. The Cotuit Launch is available to the fire dept as needed. He also suggested looking into CYY transient mooring.

Discussion continued on the possibility on installing security cameras there.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

VIII. HARBORMASTER REPORT:

Mooring and Marina updates –

Joe Gibbs reported that he is on the second round of offering people moorings off of 14 of the 22 waitlists. From the closed lists: Barnstable Harbor Main, Centerville River, Cotuit, Cotuit Bay Shores, East Bay, North Bay Channel, North Bay, Tim's Cove and West Bay. From the open lists: Barnstable Main East, Barnstable Main West, Hyannisport, Lewis Bay and Shoestring Bay. The deadline to submit complete paperwork is July 15th. There are 63 mooring permits processed to date of which 40 are from the waitlists and 5 are pending and the balance is from moorings in a non-designated area.

Harbormaster report – the fire works will be held this weekend: Oyster Harbors is Saturday, Town of Barnstable is on Monday. Joe reminded everyone to be safe – wear life jackets!! Children under 12 must have them on while underway. The only exception is when the boat is attached to a dock or mooring.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary McGaughey
Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting:
July 26, 2011 @ 7pm
Town Hall – Selectman's Conference Room