

MINUTES OF WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011

A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly called and held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Dartmouth Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Joseph Hannon. The following people were present: Gerry Hickey, Roger Race, Chris Hemingway, and Michael Gill. Excused were Warren Hathaway and Gerald Clark. Also present was Mr. Steven Melo, Harbormaster.

Mr. Hannon reviewed the agenda for the evening. Mr. Hannon asked to add the Shellfish Issues to the agenda under Harbormasters Report. It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda with the change.

The minutes of January 18, 2011 were reviewed. Mr. Melo noted that under CLE it should read Susan Nilson, not Nielson. Mr. Hemingway moved to accept the minutes as changed. Mr. Hickey seconded. So Moved.

New Business.

CLE Re-Grid Project. Mr. Melo said that he has spoken to Ms. Susan Nilson since the last meeting. Mr. Hannon asked if there is a revised plan to look at and if we should set a public hearing for the next meeting. Mr. Race said that he will e-mail Ms. Nilson and ask when she will have the revised plans. Mr. Race said that we should wait until we have the plans before setting a public hearing. Mr. Hickey asked if we have looked into having CLE set up the mooring locations since it is a time consuming task. He asked if CLE could do the planning and then have the public hearing with the answers. Mr. Melo feels we need more answers before we have a public hearing; such as who is paying for it and where will each be located. Mr. Hickey agreed. Mr. Hemingway said that if CLE can do it and leave the boaters as close to their present location as possible, it could save us time. Mr. Hickey feels this would help us and we can proceed with the serious concerns of the boaters. Mr. Melo said that most boaters may not even realize they have moved. Mr. Gill said that we need to know the cost of moving the moorings before we decide who will be paying for it. Mr. Melo said that the by-laws require use of a recognized mooring company from Dartmouth to work on moorings. Mr. Hannon said that we should write specs for moving the moorings. Mr. Hickey said that the mooring companies felt that this job could be done in a month on the North side. Mr. Race said that it is being done on commonwealth public land and the boaters should not have to pay for it. Mr. Hannon said that if we pay for this it will be a big part of our retained earnings. Mr. Gill moved that the Waterways Enterprise pay for the moving of moorings. Mr. Hickey seconded. So moved for the Waterways Enterprise to pay for the move. Mr. Race said that we should get prices as soon as possible. Mr. Melo said that someone needs to get copies of plans to the mooring companies for an estimated cost for moving the moorings.

Proposal for Rogers Street. Present were Mr. Ray Culp, President of the Board at CBC, and Mr. Peter Durant, Executive Director of CBC. Mr. Culp said that they would like to expand the programs offered at CBC to help support at-risk children who otherwise will not be able to be in sailing programs, and they would also like to have adult programs. He said that at the present time they will be able to offer 20% of the net revenue or \$3,041.00 yearly. He said that as the programs expand and more revenue is forthcoming, they will be able to do more. He said that they do not want to take money away from the children. Mr. Hannon feels that the number is low. Mr. Culp said that the money has to come from future programs, not existing ones but said that they are flexible with this number. Mr. Culp said that they will need the house and parking lot. Mr. Durant said that they will be able to host more events with the use of the Rogers Street land and that could bring in more revenue. Mr. Culp said that they will be hosting events and that is not included in the figure given. Mr. Hickey asked if they have looked into closing off the street when they are hosting events. Mr. Gill said that they will have to speak with Mr. Joe Vieira, Safety Office at the Police Department if they want to close the street. Mr. Durant said most of the boats launched are small and do not need a ramp to launch them; if they need a ramp they can use the one in New Bedford. Mr. Durant said that they have fundraisers not included in the fund sheet given to the WMC. Mr. Culp said they hope to move some programs on to the Rogers St. property but are not sure which ones. Mr. Durant said as they add programs and use the property more they will reevaluate the proposal. He feels that there is potential in this area. Mr. Culp said that they were conservative when coming up with this figure. Mr. Hickey said we have upkeep and bills on this property along with public access that we have to consider. Mr. Hannon asked Mr. Melo the average annual costs on the property. Mr. Melo said that all expenses, heating, mortgage, etc. are approximately \$30,000 yearly. Mr. Culp said that public access would not be a problem during their functions. Mr. Culp said that they have an umbrella insurance policy that would carry over to the Rogers Street property when they are using it. Mr. Hickey asked if they wanted the house year round. Mr. Durant said that their programs start after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Culp said that storage at the Rogers Street property would be another discussion. Mr. Durant said that they use seasonal floats, etc. and they could really use storage area. Mr. Race

stressed that nothing can penetrate the asphalt cap on the parking lot. Mr. Hannon explained that the WMC will go into Executive Session to discuss this later tonight.

### Old Business.

#### Rogers Street Update.

Funds. Mr. Melo said that Lisa Litos is working on the required quarterly report for CPC. He said that there is a question on the remaining grant funds. The Town Accountants office is working on this. Mr. Hickey said that we need to know what is left in the grant. He said that we need to complete the work and if needed some money can be taken from retained earnings. Mr. Race said that he has not ordered the gates. Mr. Melo said that any remaining funds when the project is done are returned to CPC. Mr. Melo said that he would like final recommendations from WMC on the lights, cameras, etc. Mr. Race said that the lights installed are now wrong and have to be replaced. Mr. Hemingway suggested that we should put standard floodlights up. Mr. Melo said that there was a problem between Fortin Electric and N-Star. Mr. Hannon said that we should rebid the lights. Mr. Hemingway moved to buy standard floodlights as approved by N-Star. Mr. Race seconded. So Moved.

Gates. Mr. Race will start work on finishing the third gate.

Cameras. Mr. Melo said that he spoke with Julian Race and the same summary he presented last year still stands. Mr. Hannon said that Julian Race recommend Intercity Alarms for the cameras. Mr. Hickey suggested going with four cameras on the house and poles. Mr. Melo suggested appropriating up to \$8,000. for the best cameras for the property. Mr. Hemingway moved to buy a 4-camera Digital Video Recorder and put two cameras on the house now with a cap of \$3,500.00. He said we could add more cameras later and also a remote camera could be put on a pole if needed. Mr. Race seconded adding that if want to go wireless it will be another motion. So Moved. All in favor. Mr. Hannon said that we need a warranty on the cameras from Intercity Alarms.

Signs. Mr. Melo said that there will be recommendations at the next meeting.

Waterways By-Law Revision Subcommittee. Mr. Melo said that he is still working on the by-law revision.

#### Harbormaster Report.

Budget. Mr. Melo said that the revenue is starting to come in. He said that commercial providers are collecting fees and turning them in. Mr. Melo said that the South side waiting list is starting to move.

Vehicle Update. Mr. Melo said that the Blazer broke down on his way home from training. It was nursed home and has been repaired. Mr. Melo said that the shellfish van will be offered to another Town department. Mr. Melo said that the plug was pulled on the vessel in New York. He received a call from the surplus office and it is going to another agency since it could not be removed due to the snow piles.

FY 2012 Budget. Mr. Melo summarized the budget. Mr. Race said that he would like to see a breakdown of the Town Overhead Charges and how the Town arrives at the figure. Mr. Race moved that the WMC request that he formally ask for a breakdown of the WMC Town Overhead Charges. Mr. Hickey seconded. So Moved.

Shellfish Division. Mr. Melo said that he completed a training course; but it doesn't make him a Shellfish Constable. He said that Kenneth Pacheco also doesn't work for the Town any longer. He said that he doesn't mind helping the Town whenever he can, but is already overwhelmed with waterways projects. Mr. Hickey suggested hiring someone to run a Shellfish Department under Mr. Melo. Mr. Hannon said that if Mr. Melo is involved in any decisions on the Shellfish Department; the WMC should also be involved. Mr. Melo said that Mr. Cressman said he could blend general fund money from the Shellfish Department into Waterways. Mr. Race moved that the WMC inform Mr. Cressman that the WMC would like to be involved in any Shellfish discussions. Mr. Hickey seconded. So Moved. Mr. Hannon will write a letter to Mr. Cressman on this.

#### Public Comment.

Mr. Don White again said that the by-law review committee should look into the seasonal mooring assignments. Mr. Melo said that this has been brought up at every meeting so far, and it is noted.

Mr. White asked what Community Boating will actually be doing on Rogers Street. Mr. Race said that they want to use the house and parking lot, but not block public access to the area. Mr. White said that he is concerned with private use in this area.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Town Hall Room 314 or 315.

It was moved and seconded at 8:40 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss possible transactions involving real estate without revealing negotiation prices in public session. Mr. Hannon polled everyone and it was unanimous to go into Executive Session.

The WMC will not be going back into public session.

Respectfully submitted,

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