

MINUTES OF THE WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday April 12, 2022 - 4:00 p.m. Zoom Remote meeting

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A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022. This meeting was held remotely through zoom due to the Governor's COVID-19 allowances for public gatherings.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hickey. Present and participating were Commission members: Gerald Hickey, Roger Race, Andy Herlihy, Kevin Murphy, Patricia Sweriduk, and T.J. Salvidio. Also present was FinCom liaison Robert Gauvin, and Andrea Langhauser. Kinder Woodcock, NBYC Waterfront Committee Chairman
2. The **minutes** of the last meeting, 3/22/22 were reviewed and discussed. It was moved by Roger Race and seconded by Kevin Murphy to accept and post the minutes as presented with the addition of Mr. Gauvin's attendance. All approved by roll call vote.
3. **Municipal Marina Project Design/Engineering Project:** The contract for engineering services between Foth Engineering and the Town has been executed. Patrick Rezendes of Foth Engineering outlined a proposed project schedule plan/timeline. A construction schedule was discussed. For steps going forward, Mr. Melo received direction from Cody Haddad to the effect that he would be the project point person for the Town on this full project. Roger Race nominated Kevin Murphy as the "point person" from the Waterways Commission to work with the Harbormaster.
4. The **Commissioning of the Dias Landing** floats and bridge mooring floats was completed by Pioneer moorings and docks. Notice was sent that the costs for hauling the floats and gangways will increase with this fall haul out.
5. Mrs. Sweriduk gave an update on the progress of the **Harbor Management Plan Implementation Committee**. She described an emphasis on dock/pier project application and rereview processes. Mr. Melo reports on a few of the current issues involved with ongoing pier proposals.
6. Mr. Melo gave a **mooring permit renewal process recap**. He reviewed the reminders sent prior to the close of regular registration and how those were received by boaters, the high demand for assignments and changes in mooring permits. Not all boaters who received the attempted reminders were positive in their replies.
7. **Transient boater mooring use policy** review with NBYC Waterfront Committee Chair Kinder Woodcock. Mr. Melo stated the overriding need to separate true "visitors" seeking temporary transient use from those "locals" seeking longer term stays. It's the ability to distinguish a "stay" from a visit. The emphasis needs to remain on protecting the integrity and priority of the state-mandated mooring waiting list. NBYC members, visitors by sea, or transient boaters should be limited to a 7 cumulative day stay per calendar year. Any longer stay would need to contract for commercial accommodations. Mr. Salvidio expressed his opinion that sufficient safeguards and provisions allow the Harbormaster to address any extenuating circumstances. Mr. Melo stressed that incorrect public impressions leave many believing that NBYC rents moorings out or that NBYC holds permits to all of the moorings they offer for transients. NBYC charges a club use fee for launch service and use of the Club facilities to visitors. They utilize empty member moorings while those members are away cruising elsewhere. Mrs. Sweriduk asked what has happened in the past with boats that get "dumped" in Dartmouth waters? Mr. Melo explained the extreme ends of the situations in the past. Mr. Hickey reported that the master of the harbor has always been able to distinguish between visitors and violators, and goes out of his way to explain and accommodate as warranted. Mr. Woodcock suggested that NBYC should publish and

promulgate the accepted polices and regulations with correct numbers to give to visiting boaters. Mrs. Sweriduk moves to endorse the proposed regulation for publication in the NBYC yearbook and use starting this season. Mr. Melo explained the intended and historical use of the 8 Municipal moorings installed in the north harbor since the regrid. All voted unanimously by roll vote to support Mrs. Sweriduk's motion to limit transient mooring stays to 7 cumulative days per calendar year. Mr. Hickey asked for an explanation to the public of the large floats affixed to the north side bridge mooring.

8. **Public Comment:** Mr. Race states that water quality monitoring buoy installment/locations needs to be discussed at a future meeting. This will be part of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay joint grant project focussed on Apponagansett Bay water quality.
9. The next meeting is set for 4/26/2022 at 4:00 p.m. by zoom/remote.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote at 5:10 p.m.