

MINUTES OF WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 04, 2011

A meeting of the Waterways Management Commission was duly called and held on Tuesday, April 04, 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: Roger Race, Chris Hemingway, and Gerald Clark. Excused were Gerald Hickey, Warren Hathaway and Michael Gill. Also present was Mr. Steven Melo, Harbormaster.

Mr. Hannon reviewed the agenda for the evening. Mr. Melo said he would like to add a letter to the agenda regarding the grant for pump out that he just received. Mr. Race moved to accept the agenda with the change. Mr. Hemingway seconded. So. Moved.

The minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2011 were reviewed. Mr. Clark moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Race seconded. So Moved.

New Business.

Charter Review Proposal. Mr. Melo said that the Charter Commission has reviewed the position of Harbormaster. Mr. Hannon said that he sent a letter to Mr. David Cressman regarding the Waterways by-law revisions. He said that Mr. Cressman said that the Select Board would not review the by-law revisions until the summer and it will probably go to the Fall Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Clark feels that they will not change much. Mr. Hannon said that he would like to see the Waterways Commission more involved. Mr. Race said that the changes have to go before Town Meeting for the final vote.

Shellfish Correspondence with Town Hall. Mr. Race said that at present there is no one in charge of the shellfish department. Mr. Melo said that he took a training course but is not an appointed Shellfish Constable. Mr. Hannon said that Town Hall would like to establish a committee to work together discussing the Shellfish Division. Mr. Melo said that he received a letter from Mr. Cressman stating that he should be taking more vacation leave on the same day he received the letter requesting additional shellfish duties. Mr. Hannon said that the letter is because the Town doesn't want employees to carry over vacation time. Mr. Hannon said that they are looking for volunteers for the committee. Mr. Clark feels that we should stay involved in this. Mr. Race said that he will be happy to volunteer to be on the committee. Mr. Hannon will send a letter to Mr. Cressman that Mr. Race will be on the committee. Mr. Race moved to send the letter. Mr. Hemingway seconded. So Moved. Mr. Hemingway would like to hire another assistant to help with this area. Mr. Melo agrees the Department needs a year-round Assistant, but won't be hiring anyone until involvement with shellfish is fully known.

Nonquitt Marsh. Mr. Melo said that the Nonquit residents would like to restore their marsh. He said it is behind the beach in South Nonquit, the State is requiring them to pay mitigation funds elsewhere in Town. He said that the work on the marsh will impact their south beach. Mr. Melo said that Mr. Hickey and Mr. Michael O'Reilly suggested funds for the ramp at the end of Rogers Street.

Mr. Melo said that the DPW will be fixing the bottom of Hill Street. He said that the DPW is in charge of this project. Mr. Melo said that the pump-out dock needs to be repaired. He said that the Clean Vessel Act doesn't want anything to do with the pump-out dock. CZM denied grant funding for the dock. Mr. Race moved to recommend Nonquitt funds to repair the Pump-out gangway. Mr. Hemingway seconded. So Moved.

Coastal Zone Management Grant. Mr. Melo said the Town will be getting funding to research the water runoff at the end of Rogers Street. He said that the grant will require some matching funds. Mr. Race feels that it can be 'in-kind' services. Mr. Melo said that the grant is going to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Race said that New Bedford received a grant as well; he will be in contact with Mr. O'Reilly on this. Mr. Melo said that the fund for a study at Rogers Street will be under the control of Conservation. Mr. Hannon said this will be on the agenda for next month with an update.

Old Business.

North Side Re-grid. Mr. Hannon said that he would like to see the specs used by other Towns to try and get the bidding process going; he received a draft from CLE on the specs they used elsewhere. He feels we should try and get the funds needed transferred from Waterways Reserve Fund at the Spring Town Meeting, otherwise we cannot get it until Fall. Mr. Hannon said that Mr. Hickey talked with Mr. Gomes on the price he did New Bedford for; he said it was \$105.00 per mooring. Mr. Melo said that there was no bidding done in New Bedford.

Mr. Hannon said that he met with Mr. Cressman to see if we could start the bidding using this year's budget; he said that it was possible. He would like an article put in the Spring Town Meeting to fund this through the Waterways Retained Funds. Mr. Clark said that most of the job will be moving the present mooring and putting it in another spot. Mr. Melo said that our by-laws only allow the three local Town mooring companies. Mr. Hannon said that this will limit the bidding process. Mr. Melo said that all the three mooring companies were going to work on this. Mr. Hannon feels that one company will have to take the lead. Mr. Clark asked if CLE could put a spec package together. Mr. Race said he will speak with CLE on this. Mr. Hannon said that he will try to put something together for the next meeting. Mr. Melo said that he reviewed the plans from CLE and he doesn't see any reason for some of the moves; he would like to see the moorings stay generally as close as possible to where they are now. Mr. Race said that we could tell CLE to work closely with Mr. Melo on this. Mr. Melo said that he will speak with CLE on keeping them as close as possible to where they are now. Mr. Hemingway feels that we were going to move some and deal with the complaints afterwards as suggested by CLE. Mr. Melo said that he will manually adjust the plans for moves that people are now requesting. Mr. Melo said he would like to see the names of the boats or mooring numbers put on the CLE plans. Mr. Hannon feels that we need these plans before we schedule a public hearing.

Rogers Street Update. Mr. Melo said that the gate and payment box has been ordered to be installed. He said that he has sent the sign requirements out for an estimate. Mr. Melo said that the security company is looking into another type of security camera. Mr. Hemingway said that his cameras can tell the type of car; cameras to read the license plates are more expensive. Mr. Melo said that we haven't paid anything yet. Mr. Race said that he wants to see the right cameras put in before we open the area to the public. Mr. Hemingway agreed. Mr. Melo said he spoke with Leal Electric of Taunton and they couldn't do lighting for under \$3,000. He said that the Town has a bid from Lighting Care for \$2,800. He said that Leal Electrical suggested putting up our own pole removing N-Star requirements. Mr. Hemingway said that he will look into the cost of installing our own pole. Mr. Race moved to have Mr. Hemingway look into getting our own pole for our own control, if it is under \$1,000, authorize Mr. Melo to contract it. Mr. Hemingway seconded. So Moved. Mr. Melo asked if we want to install a new fence between the property and the neighbors if there is enough money remaining in the grant? Mr. Race said that the DPW has some curb stops and they will install them when needed.

Waterways By-Law Subcommittee. Mr. Hannon moved to postpone this until the next meeting. Mr. Melo said that any changes now will probably not go to Town Meeting until the fall. Mr. Hannon feels we should try and get this done soon. Mr. Hannon said that he will speak with Mr. Cressman on the by-law status.

Harbormaster Report.

Budget Update. Mr. Melo said that he included a budget update in the package. He said that the revenue did not start coming in until March. He said that the assistant salary budget is on target.

FY 2012 Overhead. Mr. Melo said that he included the overhead calculations in the package. Mr. Race said that he will be meeting with Mr. Greg Barnes on this April 12, 2011. Mr. Race said he would like to know how the overhead calculations are done. Mr. Hannon said that they include the retirement contributions into this.

Harbormaster Vacation. Mr. Melo said that he will be attempting to take a week in April as vacation, if possible.

Public Comment.

Mr. Dieter Klein was present. He is a year-round resident of Nonquitt. He said that he would like to install a new mooring outside of the established mooring grid area. Mr. Melo said that there is an area between rocks that Mr. Klein would like to install a mooring in. He said that it is rocky area and outside of the mooring field. Mr. Klein said that he only needs 10 inches of water for his boat and he knows his way around the rocks. Mr. Melo said that this would be done at Mr. Klein's own risk; he said that any permit would state that it is at his own risk. Mr. Klein said that he has no problem with this permit and that he will be willing to sign a waiver of any responsibility for the Town; he will be responsible. Mr. Melo said that there is no mooring in the grid available to offer him. Mr. Hemingway said that we want more public access to the water and if the resident assumes responsibility it should be fine. Mr. Hannon said that by voting to approve this site requiring waivers, we are creating two classes of services, and he is opposed to that. Mr. Hannon feels it is the Harbormasters call. Mr. Melo said that any mooring there will have to conform to the Nonquitt specifications. Mr. Race moved to approve the grant a permit if approved by the Harbormaster. Mr. Hemingway seconded. So Moved.

Ms. Carol Hill of Concordia was present. She asked if Mr. Melo pumps out the Nonquit vessels. Mr. Melo said that the Nonquitt boaters have to go to the pump out dock or into the harbor for safety.

Ms. Hill asked about the regrid and if there is a bid package, she would like one sent to Concordia. She said that they are interested in it, but that the timing of the project will be a factor.

Mr. Melo said that a boater would like to install a Helix near the bridge. He said that after the regrid he would leave the Helix and it could then be used as a Municipal mooring.

Mr. Melo said that the bridge will be closed to boat traffic only but it will be open to cars during April for repairs. He said that the DPW may be repairing the causeway later this summer.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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