

Harbor Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - Thursday, June 22, 2023

Present: Harbor Master Mike Yorke, Chairman Mike Caplan, Dave Harrison, Erik Sprague, Derek Peters, Andy Case, Charlie Bashaw, Selectman Liaison Bob Foley, Meeting Recorder Cinni Davidson

Excused: Shawn Dumas, Paul Dever, Phil Breton

1. Thank you to Mary Harrison and her team and Mike Yorke. The flowers at the harbor look wonderful.
2. The May 25 minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Harbor Master's Report:
 - A) Dredge status. It seems that all the sand will go to Drakes Island since two people haven't signed. Casino Square needs sand too. The attorney hopes to avoid eminent domain as it is very costly. Bob Foley said that the last time, the owners who wouldn't sign were paid \$100, and we didn't need an appraisal. Mike and Bob will call Jim Katsiafikas.

Can the docks be power washed when they are pulled? Mike will try, weather permitting, but the water is shut off over the winter.
 - B) The Eastern Shore gate should be fixed by next week. Mike sent a memo about reprogramming the key fobs. He is working on a grant to rebuild the gate and has raised the gate so it no longer drags. The electrical boxes will have to be raised. He applied for 2 more grants to replace the floats on the western side.
 - C) The old Clam Building. Mike wants a 4 ft. wall plus 5 more ft. so the boat can be stored there. The foundation will cost \$9,500. The Staff Review Committee will probably be the reviewing authority.
4. Commercial Docks Status. Mike applied for a \$250,000 SHIP Grant and expects that it will be approved.
5. Parking lot signs: Carol told Mike they are "half made." Mike has some buckets. The signs that are ready should be installed now since people are parking illegally. The lot needs to be striped.

6. Old Business

- Life vests. There are 20-25 vests in good condition and the kids are wearing them.
- The solar lighting is gone. The lights are now electric.
- The mooring field has 14 boats assigned, not all are installed yet.

7. Paul had suggested a family cookout at the gazebo this summer. Mike thought later in the fall when the boats are out, perhaps around Indigenous People's Day. Mary Harrison volunteered to organize it if people are interested.

8. No meetings in July and August. If there is anything to discuss over the summer, send Mike C. an e-mail. Next meeting will be September 21 at 4 PM.

9. New Business: Mike Y.

- Income to date is \$98,000. Late payments total \$21,000. The Town Manager's office can send a letter to those owners.
- Not much ice is being used. The weather is still cold.
- The Shellfish Lab is open Saturday. Channel 6 is coming Tuesday to do a story.
- Mike checked with the State. We can charge for the launch and the funds can be used for parking lot maintenance.

Respectfully submitted,

Cinndi Davidson, Meeting Recorder

Accepted by,

Mike Caplan, Chairman