

Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

February 28, 2024

Present: Joe Aberdale - Chair, David Stamatis- Vice-Chair, Martha Wilson, Kevin Coakley, Doug Straus, Frederick Felix, John Wolf, Edward Kane, James Grey, Brittany Tilton

Absent: Will Barrio

Guest: Ginny Parker, Kevin McMahon, Lauren Kaufman

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Venue: Zoom

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 28, 2024, were reviewed and were unanimously approved on a motion made by Martha and seconded by Doug.

Harbormaster Report

Will was not present. Brittany and Will have been working on the docks and attending training classes.

Discussion of Possible Extension of Boating Season

Limited discussion took place about this. Joe recommended that it be continued until Will is present to have his input and the Committee agreed.

Discussion of Marina Signage

The Committee decided to address this item at the next meeting with the harbormaster present.

Marina Concerns

Members questioned Brittany regarding the new fee schedule that was addressed at the select board meeting yesterday requiring a 7% increase for one year. There is now \$640,000 retained earnings in the Enterprise Fund. Doug expressed the need for the Committee to receive more financial information in order to make recommendations. David questioned why MAC members were not included in the process of developing the new fee schedule. Brittany stated that the process is not completed until the March 12th public hearing before the select board. Joe and Edward stated that members are often questioned by boaters and the public about the fee increases and need to be able to justify them. Martha stated that the Committee needs much more financial information in order

to make recommendations. Several members expressed frustration about the Committee not being included in the work on several issues with the harbormaster.

Kevin provided a briefing on the ice machine issue. There is \$62,000 of state funds for the machine that has to be spent by June 30th. A committee is preparing to purchase the machine. The proposed placement of the machine is by the shellfish office on the Harbor Freeze side. The machine has the potential to be profitable.

The marina consultant's proposal was briefly discussed.

Discussion of Marina Signage

The Committee agreed that this matter cannot be discussed without the harbormaster present. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

For the machine that has to be spent by June 30th.

Dredging Update

John provided an update on his efforts to get the Army Corps of Engineers to reverse its decision and to provide the town with the required dredging permit. Joe is assisting John on the matter.

New Business and Future Concerns

The Committee would like to have the issue of possibly conducting hybrid meetings on the next meeting agenda.

The next meeting will be on March 27, 2024, at 7:00pm via Zoom.

A motion to adjourn was made by Martha and seconded by Frederick. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Aberdale