

COASTAL WATERS AND HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2024

Item 1. Call to Order:

Mike Slavin, Chair, called to order at 17: 34 p.m.

Item 2. Attendance:

Mike Slavin, Chair
Vincent Clough, Vice Chair
Daryen Granata
Andrew Fortunato
Tyler Davis
Gene O'Neil, Harbor Master
Don Hamill
Liam Erickson
Alfred Morrow

Item 3-5. Committee Elections:

Motion by D. Granata to re-elect chair and vice chair and to elect A. Morrow to secretary, seconded by A. Fortunato. Unanimous vote.

Item 6. Review and Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the February 13, 2024, minutes by D. Granata, seconded by A. Fortunato. Unanimous vote.

Item 7. Harbor Master's Report:

A new crane is damaged but is under warranty and will be repaired.

Item 8. Council Liaison's Report:

Discussion of town budget and property tax reassessment. A brief update on status of parking

Item 9. Old Business:

Discussion of commercial lot tabled until next session.

Item 10. New Business:

Mooring waiting list fees:

- Recommendation came from town staff to revisit these fees
- Why pay to stay on list if I don't know where I am on the list or where the list even is?
- Sent to committee to determine what to do with list, and how much if anything to charge for the fee
- There are costs to maintain the list
- Town staff asked D. Granata to investigate what other communities charge for mooring waiting list fees.
 - Based on that data, town staff put forward \$35
- Plan to rework the mooring wait list once U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is done with dredge project
- Wait list has to be published if we're going to start charging fees associated with it
 - Unfair to charge people who've been on the waitlist for years
- Should the money from the fees go into the working waterfront fund?
 - Anything associated with the waterfront should be going into the waterfront account
 - Should the committee get a quarterly report about the ins and outs of the waterfront accounts?
- Need data from Tom regarding where waterfront funds are going
- Must publish the list or produce the list on demand (subject to appropriate redactions)
 - Fees to go to working waterfront fund
 - If money goes toward future mooring fees, then no need to grandfather people who have been on the list

Motion by M. Slavin to request report and accounting from Town Manager on status of Working Waterfront Fund including, but not limited to, where the proceeds from certain fees or appropriations (e.g., launch fees, mooring fees, pier use fees, fees associated with the Working Waterfront Fund, related parking fees, etc.) are being deposited and what expenditures from the Working Waterfront Fund have been made. Seconded by A. Fortunato, unanimously approved.

Remainder of discussion tabled for lack of time. To determine in future meetings: amount of fee, where fee is held and for what purpose, what to do with people who are already on the waiting list.

Item 11. Set Next Agenda:

1. Mooring waiting list fee structure;
2. Reconfiguration of commercial lot;
3. Water quality concerns; and
4. Liam Erickson's application for reappointment to CWHAC.

Item 12. Public Comment.

1. Ms. Erickson:
 - a. Should mooring waitlist applicants be charged a fee to bear the costs of their own application and its maintenance?
 - b. The Bollard ran an article discussing CWHAC parking proposal.

- c. Lifts at the dock are broken again. Should people be required to complete some form of training in order to utilize the lifts?
 - i. Should the people who break the lifts be solely responsible for their repair?
- 2. Liam Erickson
 - a. If Liam hadn't been at the meeting the \$35 fee might have gone through with no discussion
 - i. Doesn't like the town charging more fees for things
 - ii. Is there no other way to generate revenue than charging people money to wait on a list?
 - b. Liam's application to be back on this committee was not reviewed or not considered
 - i. Liam was previously nominated to be liaison on open space committee
 - ii. Why was Liam's application not considered?
 - iii. Town council liaison asked for a copy of the applications considered and Liam's was not in the package for consideration
 - iv. Liam submitted application online – came in 10 days after submission to complete handwritten application in Town Hall

Item 13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by V. Clough, seconded by A. Fortunato. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 18:36 p.m.

Signed by: _____
 /s/ Alfred Morrow
 (Meeting Official)