

COASTAL WATERS AND HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2024

Item 1. Call to Order:

Vincent Clough, Vice Chair called to order at 17: 30

Item 2. Attendance:

Vincent Clough, Vice Chair
Daryen Granata
Andrew Fortunato
Don Hamill, Council Liaison
Alfred Morrow

Item 3. Review and Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the April 14, 2024, minutes by D. Granata, seconded by A. Fortunato.
Unanimous vote.

Item 9. Public Comment:

- Mark Coulston, 35 East Grand Avenue:
 - Got a letter about mooring in Florida where he resides in winter
 - Mooring renewal due by April 1, 2024, used to be May 1, 2024
 - Wants late fee removed due to insurance and survey delays
 - New MRO and Town Manager has to determine whether fee can be removed
- Karen Shupe, Pine Point Road:
 - Open space committee needs a nomination from CWHAC – next meeting on June 18 at 0900
 - Could be a rotating representative?
 - M. Slavin to discuss recording of meetings and hybridization of meetings
 - Fee discussions should be recorded for public access needs
 - Recording thing: in past we didn't have someone who could operate the owl for us
 - D. Hammill: minutes better than a digital recording
 - BUT, committees have to follow the council's decision to use hybrid meetings
- Liam Erickson:
 - Sad that there was no comment on his reapplication to CWHAC
 - Some people last week thought it deserved a closer look
 - Unhappy that this has happened twice now on different committees
 - Liam unhappy that he feels his application didn't receive the consideration he should have

Item 4. Harbor Master's Report:

- Daryen Granata filling in since Gene's retirement
- Mooring stickers are mostly in

- Bailey in process of rebuilding mooring field after the dredge
 - Not sure but may be able to add 8-15 moorings
 - May be able to clear the commercial mooring field list
 - Unclear what will happen to people on list after this
- ACE to come back in 6 months to do another dredge survey in order to create a projection of how long before we get another dredge
- New harbor master within the next 3 weeks; Gene retired
 - Cranes up 100%
- Pedestrian pier should be done within 2-3 weeks hopefully

Item 5. Council Liaison's Report:

- Prouts Neck Yacht Club wants to control their portion of mooring field
 - Committee has ability to designate areas as “special anchorages”
 - Look at verbiage of special anchorages provisions and see if we can do that here
 - Put this on September's agenda: discuss ordinance change to allow for special anchorage
 - Prouts Neck representatives in attendance and are happy with the delay to next season
 - What does that mean for PYC members who have applied for moorings?

Item 6. Old Business:

- Liam Erickson's application and appointment issue
 - Not CHWAC's decision to make
 - Minutes from last month inconsistent with video record available on YouTube
 - R. Odlin and T. Davis were selected by ANC
 - Liam's application handwritten, was submitted to ANC
 - ANC reviewed application and chose not to reappoint L. Erickson
 - D. Hamill – seeking a change to the ordinance re the committee to require a majority of waterfront experienced personnel
 - Committee size cannot be changed
 - ANC does not get to make final decision, only makes recommendation to Council
 - ANC Chair Shupe: R. Odlin was very experienced regarding working waterfront and committee work
- Mooring waitlist fee structure
 - \$35/year to stay on waitlist
 - Fees are related to costs of maintaining list
 - Don wants to see the numbers and how they play out over time
 - Which is why we need the accounting from town manager
 - D. Granata to look at the fee structure
 - **Motion by Daryen Granata:** recommend \$35 yearly waiting list fee; yearly fee applied over course of time on waiting list to the first year's mooring fee once you are allocated a mooring; whatever you paid, up to the mooring fee, will be credited
 - **Andrew Fortunato seconded; unanimous vote**

- Reconfiguration of the commercial lot: pave and line commercial lot and remove the islands
 - **Motion by Daryen Granata:** address commercial lot: 1) signage, pavement, lined spaces 2) remove “beautification” islands from lot
 - **Alfred Morrow seconded; unanimous vote**
- Move discussion of town manager financial accounting and water quality to next meeting

Item 7. New Business:

- None.

Item 8. Set next Agenda:

1. Public comment;
2. Discussion of Town Manager’s financial accounting of the working waterfront fund;
3. Nominate a member or determine rotation of members to the Open Spaces Committee;
4. Prouts Neck Yacht Club special anchorage ordinance on September agenda; and
5. Water quality concerns.

Item 10. Adjournment

- **Motion by V. Clough:** Adjourn meeting.
 - **Andrew Fortunato seconded; unanimous vote**

Signed by: _____
 Alfred Morrow
 (Meeting Official)