

CUMBERLAND COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION
MAY 4, 2010
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MEETING MINUTES

Present: Lewis Incze - Chairman, John McDonald, Thomas Gruber
Absent: Craig Kinney, Peter Dion
Staff: William Shane - Town Manager, George Turner - Council
Liaison, Debbie Flanigan - Secretary

I. Welcome.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Incze at 7:00 pm.

II. Distribution of Application for May 11, 2010 Site Walk & Public Hearing.

Members received the Notice of Site Walk and Public Hearing on May 11, 2010. Manager Shane suggested that members meet at 21 Sturdivant Road; Barney Baker of Baker Design Consultants would explain the project: look at the vegetation, aspects of project at low tide, where owner would store floats in off-season.

III. Discussion of Mooring Ordinance - add language for inspections.

Chairman Incze presented a copy of the Town of Falmouth, Maine Harbor & Anchorage Rules and Regulations for members to look at, stating that he was unsure if Cumberland currently has a well-developed set of mooring regulations. He stated that the "Harbor and Anchorage Rules and Regulations" pulled from the Falmouth town website has a lot of good information in it and was a good model for Cumberland to go by to create a handout for residents to receive when they register their moorings, and also to post on the Town of Cumberland website for easy access and reference. This is a synopsis, quite separate from the ordinance.

Manager Shane presented members with a copy of the Town of Cumberland Coastal Waters Ordinance; it covers moorings in great detail but apparently has not been reviewed since 1991. Some of the information in it is no longer applicable. Members of the Commission and Mr. Turner agreed that the ordinance looked to be well written and thorough and probably needed to only to be reviewed and updated, rather than "rewritten".

Chairman Incze suggested members review the ordinance and make suggestions about how the committed should proceed to review and update it, probably in sections over a couple of meetings. He inquired if Cumberland has an appointed Harbormaster. Mr. Shane stated that the Town Council appoints Police Chief Joe Charron as Harbormaster. The Town of Cumberland works with the Town of Falmouth Harbormaster to provide access to the water when needed. Jock McDonald inquired about Sec. 1, Page 5 "Moorings"; does Cumberland have designated mooring areas.

Mr. Shane responded that there are no designated areas; moorings

along the coast are mostly owned by riparian owners. He didn't know if there was a tidal water plan on file, but would check with Chief Charron.

IV. Election of Chair & Vice Chair.

Chairman Incze stated there was a chance he would be moving out of town sometime later this year and has served quite a few years as Chairman of the Commission. He thought it would be good for the Commission to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair. This would make room for new members to serve and would provide a transition period if Chairman Incze indeed leaves. Incze said he would be happy to continue to serve on the Commission as a member if he remains a Cumberland resident. The Commission agreed to table this item until the May 11, 2010 meeting.

V. Other Business and Future Meetings.

1. Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 6 pm - Sturdivant Road - 7:15 pm PH at Town Hall. Mr. Shane stated that the Commission would meet at 21 Sturdivant Road for a site walk on the Pierce application for pier, ramp & float.
 2. Council Meeting - Approval of any ordinance changes. Commission members would review current Coastal Waters Ordinance and make suggestions to simplify it.
 3. Committee Meetings - October & May of each year or scheduled for application, review, site walks and Council recommendations.
- Manager Shane suggested that the Commission review the Coastal Waters Ordinance and hold a meeting in July to discuss any changes. Chairman Incze suggested the Commission could set definite dates in May and October or set meetings when applications come in.

IV. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Flanigan, Secretary