



COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 26, 2019
6:00 PM
West Conference Room

Committee Members:
David Witherill, Chairman
Mike Schwindt, Vice Chairman
David Carlson
Hugh Judge
Richard Thompson
Ivy Frignoca
Robert Johnson

Town Staff:
Tom Gruber
George Turner
Charles Rumsey
Jean Duchesneau

Present: Chairman David Witherill, Mike Schwindt, Richard Thompson, David Carlson, Robert Johnson
Absent: Hugh Judge, Ivy Frignoca, Thomas Gruber, George Turner
Town Staff: Charles Rumsey, Police Chief; Jean Duchesneau, Committee Secretary
Guest: Matt Rawdon

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Witherill at 6:02 p.m.

II. Adopt the January 16, 2019 Minutes

Chairman Witherill inquired if there were any changes or additions to the Minutes. There were none.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of January 16, 2019
Moved by: Richard Thompson
Seconded by: Mike Schwindt
Vote: All Approved – Unanimous

III. M. Rawdon, Kayak Rack Storage Appeal

Chairman Witherill introduced Matt Rawdon of 7 Friar Lane, Cumberland to the commission. Mr. Rawdon was here to voice his concerns about the way the ordinance reads regarding the storage of kayak/paddleboards. He and his family won two slots in the kayak lottery and they have 4 kayaks. He would like to appeal the section of the ordinance (48-7-8) that reads: **“Each rack storage space will be used for one registered kayak or paddleboard”** to read something along the lines of *each rack storage space will be used to fit as many registered kayaks or paddleboards that will fit at a cost of \$50.00 per kayak or paddleboard.* Mr. Rawdon left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

A discussion took place about the appeal process in the ordinance (48-11) and whether this would be a reconsideration request to the ordinance or an actual appeal.

Further discussions took place regarding the kayak/paddleboard storage.

- Chief Rumsey gave an overview of what the Department has been doing this season in policing the storage area. He stated he had concerns regarding modifying the ordinance for a couple reasons: ordinance compliance and ordinance fairness.
- Richard Thompson brought up the topic of safety issues and weight limitations on the float if we do allow more storage of kayaks/paddleboards.
- David Witherill stated he could support having two per space only and having the lottery winner be able to use those two slots. He also supported the ordinance language to be changed from \$50.00 per space to \$50.00 per boat.
- Signage is needed for the float and land-based kayak/paddleboard racks.
- The lottery selection will stay at 15 slots and it would be up to the lottery winner to decide whether they would like to store one or two boats.

IV. Harbormaster Report

The Harbormasters went out on June 5, 2019 inspecting moorings in the mooring field. They looked at 67 moorings and issued 20 warning tags for unpaid or improperly registered mooring.

V. Ordinance Update

The commission reviewed the proposed ordinance amendments page by page. Two key area of discussion were as follows:

Kayak/Paddleboard Storage:

After discussion, the committee was in agreement to:

1. Limit two kayak/paddleboards per space.
2. Charge for each kayak/paddleboard, \$50.00 each.
3. No more than two applications to the lottery per household.

Dinghies

1. DINGHY definition modification: The last two sentences *"Each dinghy must be clearly marked so that the mooring registration number and owner's name are clearly visible from the floats in letters at least two inches high. Dinghies may be outfitted with an outboard motor of 10 hp or less."* needs to be moved from dinghy definitions to 48.6.B.

Mike Schwindt agreed to draft language to allow for the proposed ordinance amendments and distribute to commission for review before final agreement.

VI. New Business

- David Carlson had concerns reference the kayak ramp that is attached the float. He felt it may not be properly installed as a kayak launch.
- Swimming: Should we allow it? Is there proper signage? For safety issues, is there a ladder on the float? These questions would be researched further.
- David Carlson stated the sign at the town landing was very impressive and would like to organize a group photo.

The next meeting date will be determined at a later date.

VII. David Witherill adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by,
Jean Duchesneau, Recording Secretary