



# COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 14, 2017**  
**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers**

**Committee Members:**

David Witherill, Chairman  
Mike Schwindt, Vice Chairman  
David Carlson  
Hugh Judge  
Brent Sullivan  
Richard Thompson  
Bob Vail

Town Staff:  
Tom Gruber  
George Turner  
Charles Rumsey  
Jean Duchesneau

**Present:** Chairman David Witherill, Mike Schwindt, Richard Thompson, Bob Vail, Hugh Judge and David Carlson

**Absent:**

**Town Staff:** Charles Rumsey, Chief of Police; Jean Duchesneau, Committee Secretary; Benjamin Burnes, Harbormaster; and Thomas Gruber

**Guests:**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Witherill at 6:04 p.m.

**II. Adopt the September 20, 2017 Minutes**

Chairman Witherill inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the September 20, 2017 minutes. Mike Schwindt stated there is an amendment to the minutes at the end of section 3, Ordinance Updates.

**Post Meeting Action:** - The Coastal Waters Commission has accepted the language below for handling dinghies.

***§ 48-2 Definitions***

***DINGHY***

***A punt, skiff, tender or similar watercraft, 12 feet or less in length, used solely as transportation to or from a watercraft on a mooring. 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.***

***§ 48-5 Dockage Time Limit***

***No person may tie up any watercraft to Town public facilities for more than thirty minutes except with special prior permission from the Harbormaster. The penalty for violating the time limit is prescribed in Ordinance Chapter 84-12-D.***

***§ 48-6 Dinghy Dockage***

***No dinghy may tie up to any Town facility such as a wharf or float without permission of the Harbormaster, except for those owned or used by a mooring holders as described below, all watercraft which tie up to the Broad Cover Reserve floats must be tied to the south side of the floats.***

***Any dinghy owned or used by a riparian mooring holder in the Town mooring field must be tied off to the north side of Broad Cove Reserve floats.***

***No watercraft exceeding 12 feet in length or equipped with an outboard motor exceeding 10 hp may tie up to any Town facility. All motors must be stored in the raised position when tied to the floats. The penalty for incorrectly tying to the floats is as prescribed in Ordinance Chapter 84-12-D.***

***Chapter 84: Fees and Fines***

***84-12-D: \$50.00***

A supplement to the last meeting's minutes: the ordinance language addressing dinghies has been accepted through an email vote of 6 for, 0 against and 1 not voting (Bob).

**Motion:** Move to adopt the September 20, 2017 minutes as amended.  
**Moved by:** Bob Vail  
**Seconded by:** Richard Thompson  
**Vote:** All Approved - Unanimous

**III. Update on initial Mooring Inspection Discussions**

Chief Rumsey introduced Benjamin Burnes, co-harbormaster, to the commission. The chief explained what Officers Burnes and Merriman have been doing over the summer to bring the mooring field into compliance with our ordinance. He handed out a notice explaining the process that has taken place so far and indicated 25 moorings with latitude and longitude coordinates that remain either unregistered or registered but unable to be unidentified and have not been removed as of October 17, 2017. The notice was also published in the Forecaster on two occasions. The notice is a good summary of what the harbormasters have done. Prior to pulling these moorings, we are going to try one more time to contact people to see if we can whittle this list down to hopefully less than ten. Winter spars need to be on by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The tentative date to pull moorings is on or after November 20, 2017. Casco Bay Diving will be the company we will use to pull moorings and the moorings will be stored at Public Works.

Mike Schwindt made note that the \$100.00 fee in the notice does not match the \$150.00 fee that Casco Bay Diving will be charging. Mike cited the section of the ordinance that states the cost of such removal will be at the owners' expense. It was noted that the town will be absorbing the \$50.00 difference this year, but in the future will charge the owners' the full fee of removal.

**IV. Date the docks need to be put into storage**

David Witherill proposed that the docks be removed by Columbus Day weekend. After discussions, it was decided that a notification should go out with the application at the time of registering the mooring. Email should be collected as well on the applications to allow for a mass mailing should the docks need to be pulled early. Notification should also be posted on the town website as well. A motion of policy was made:

**Motion:** Move that the floats be scheduled for removal by October 15<sup>th</sup>, and may be removed earlier for the season at the Harbormasters' discretion.  
**Moved by:** Mike Schwindt  
**Seconded by:** David Carlson  
**Vote:** All Approved - Unanimous

**V. Bill Shane – update on the new wharf proposal**

Bill Shane was unable to attend; however Tom Gruber stated he would have Bill send out an email to update us on the status of the proposal. We will revisit this in the December meeting for updates.

**VI. New Business**

Bob Vail asked about the harbormaster boat situation and Chief Rumsey stated that no decisions had been made yet about making a boat purchase. We have been renting a boat (18' center console) from Spring Point Marina at this time.

The next meeting was set for December 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**Motion:** To adjourn at 6:55 p.m.  
**Moved by:** Bob Vail  
**Seconded by:** Richard Thompson  
**Vote:** All Approved - Unanimous