



COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Council Chambers

Committee Members:

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

Town Staff:
Tom Gruber
Charles Rumsey
Milton Calder
Jean Duchesneau

Present: Chairman Lew Incze, Mike Schwindt, Richard Thompson, Bob Vail, David Carlson, Brent Sullivan

Absent: Hugh Judge, David Witherill, Thomas Gruber, Charles Rumsey

Town Staff: Milton Calder, Lieutenant; and Jean Duchesneau, Committee Secretary

1. Call to Order

Lew Incze called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. Adopt the February 16, 2017 Minutes

There were no corrections or additions.

Motion: To adopt the Minutes

Moved by: Bob vail

Seconded by: Richard Thompson

Vote: Approved Unanimous

3. Basket Island Discussions

Lt. Calder opened the discussions stating that Charles Garland is requesting to keep his mooring fee to \$50.00 rather than pay the out-of-town resident fee of \$250.00. Mr. Garland cited he has always paid (many years) any/all fees associated with the mooring and its maintenance. The mooring serves two purposes: (1) serves the people (Land Trust) using the Basket Island mooring to go onto the island to do maintenance work and (2) serves the people who want to go to the island to fish or visit the island. He does not own a boat any longer, but maintains this mooring for the general good. Mr. Garland was a part of the Basket Island Yacht Club in the 1950s and has had a connection to this mooring for many years.

A discussion took place regarding this matter and the possibly of setting a precedent, the fairness to other non-residents, insurance coverage, possible liability issues and ordinance compliance.

Lt Calder volunteered to reach out to Mr. Garland to see what his feelings are about this situation and the reasonableness of paying the \$250.00 fee and to explain the difficulties of his request and the compliance with our Ordinance. Lt Calder will update the Commission next month regarding his conversation with Mr. Garland.

4. Website Auto Renewal of Mooring Applications Status

Jean stated she checked with Eliza Porter regarding the website. Eliza stated the website is not set up for automatic renewal of mooring applications. The fillable PDF on the website is to be used by the applicant to complete and turn into the Town with the fee. She stated there are no capabilities (software) at this point to make this renewal "automatic."

The application form does have a box to check if it is a renewal; however, this year we are requiring all applications to be completely filled out and submitted to the Town with the fee. This will allow us to create a brand new mooring list for 2017 and from that point forward, applicants can then check off the renewal box--provided all the information is the same as the previous year.

Mike Schwindt inquired if some changes were made to the back of the application or if there was an error made somewhere along the line. In the 4th paragraph, sentence 1, it states: "Moorings must be registered before they are occupied or you will be subject to a fine of up to \$200.00, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Harbormaster." Mike states the ordinance says: "Moorings must be registered before they are occupied or you will be subject to a fine of up to \$200.00 **per day**, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Harbormaster." It was also noticed that the Town Ordinance 48-5 Moorings was missing sections: 48-5B4e4, 48-5B7A and 48-5B7B. Mike offered to double check the application for any other errors. Jean will check with the town to inquire if sections are missing or if the ordinance is incorrectly numbered.

5. Membership Renewal Dates

The Coastal Waters Commission membership list was distributed for updating. All reviewed it and updates were made to the list as needed.

6. Other Business

Lew announced that his house in Cumberland has sold and they are moving to Harpswell. His last meeting will be April 2017 and he has notified the Town Manager. The position of chairman will need to be filled. Lew suggested that we elect a new interim chair at the next meeting. Anyone interested in chair and vice chair should make it known to the committee so that discussions can take place at the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

Motion:	Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.
Moved by:	Mike Schwindt
Seconded by:	Bob Vail
Vote:	Unanimous