



COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:00 PM Council Chambers

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: Chair David Witherill, Mike Schwindt, Hugh Judge, Robert Johnson and Richard Thompson
Absent: David Carlson, Ivy Frignoca, Peter Garsoe, Thomas Gruber and George Turner
Town Staff: Charles Rumsey, Police Chief; Detective Benjamin Burnes, Harbormaster; Officer Matthew Merriman, Harbormaster

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Witherill at 6:05 p.m.

II. Adopt the January 15, 2020 Minutes

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

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting
Moved by: Hugh Judge
Seconded by: Richard Thompson
Vote: All Approved – Unanimous

III. Public Hearing: Kristen Isfeld, LPA Permit off Sturtivant Island

Ms. Isfeld made a short presentation regarding her 4 pending LPA applications. CWC members asked a few questions regarding the project. Harbormaster Burnes offered some general background on aquaculture and the DMR approval process. No members of the public were in attendance.

No vote was taken regarding the public hearing or the Commission's stance on the proposed project, but the Commission noted that no member present had substantial concerns about the project.

IV. Old Business: Update on floats, signage, pier barrier, channel markers, mooring field

Chief Rumsey reported the following:

- Floats: the floats have been installed. Custom Float is working to get two safety ladders installed, and to install an enhanced kayak launch float. They are behind due to COVID-19.
- Signage: Two signs reading "no jumping or swimming from pier or floats" have been installed. The Rec Department is also working to install some more professional signage for "Mooring Holder Tie-Up" and some other "no swimming" signs directly onto the deck of the floats.
- Pier Barrier: Assistant Town Manager Chris Bolduc is aware of the request to install a barrier on the lower portion of the pier, so that a small child could not slip and fall off the pier.
- Channel Markers: Enhanced marking of the channel has been completed, to encourage boaters to remain in the channel and off of the eel grass.
- Mooring Field: Harbormaster Burnes reported that all 35 mooring permits have been issued and that there are approximately 8 people on a waiting list. NOTE: on 06/18, Harbormaster Burnes inspected the mooring field and noted that 25 of 35 moorings have been placed.

Commission members inquired about the rate of Broad Cove Reserve usage so far this summer; about the number

of kayak rack applications that were received, and about the status of a plan by the nearby HOA for the installation of a float system onto the Town's floats. Chief Rumsey indicated he would research these items and get back to the Commission as soon as possible.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by,
Chief Charles Rumsey