



COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
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: Chairman David Witherill, Mike Schwindt, David Carlson, Robert Johnson and Ivy Frignoca
Absent: Hugh Judge, Richard Thompson, Thomas Gruber and George Turner
Town Staff: Charles Rumsey, Police Chief; Jean Duchesneau, Committee Secretary
Guests:

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adopt the September 28, 2019 Minutes

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

Motion: To accept the Minutes of September 16, 2019
Moved by: David Carlson
Seconded by: Robert Johnson
Vote: All Approved – Unanimous

III. 2020 Mooring Allocations

After a lengthy discussion regarding whether to increase the number of moorings from 35 to 40, it was decided to keep the 2020 Mooring Allocations to 35. The limited number of dinghy tie-up spaces and safety issues while accessing the dinghy were the main reasons not to increase the allocations.

Motion: To leave the number of moorings to 35 for now and at the point more floats are added we will revisit the subject and number of floats.
Moved by: Mike Schwindt
Seconded by: Robert Johnson
Vote: All Approved – Unanimous

David Witherill will attend the next Town Council Meeting to answer any questions they may have.

IV. Swimming Rules and Ladder Location

It was recommended to replace the one current sign with two signs stating, “NO SWIMMING/JUMPING FROM PIER, RAMP FOR FLOATS”. The signs should be at the beginning of the pier and on the ramp. These signs would be for educational purposes and we would monitor the situation. The location of the ladder should be in the area of the boats, so if a boater fell into the water while accessing the dinghy, the ladder would more accessible.

The Chief will check on the status with Custom Floats regarding the kayak ramp adjustments.

V. Ordinance Update – Chapter 48 Coastal Waters

Mike Schwindt attended the Monday, October 14, 2019 Ordinance Committee meeting to answer any questions they may have regarding the ordinance. He stated that most comments were favorable and they recognized what

we are trying to do, which is try to make our ordinance fit the environment we are in and to accommodate the customers. They had a question regarding the transient mooring section (48-8-4) and if we needed to have the dates listed. After a brief discussion it was recommended to leave as is and the Ordinance Committee made no changes it. He stated they approved it to go forward to a Public Hearing on October 28, 2019.

VI. New Business

Mike Schwindt brought up a safety concern regarding the pier railing. The spacing of the boards are too wide and a young child could fall through to the rocks below. It was recommended that this be followed up with DPW to see if an extra railing or mesh wiring be installed for safety issues.

Ivy Frignoca inquired if our beach was a part of the Maine Healthy Beaches program. Does the town test water quality? If so, do we have a system in place to notify the public if the water is unsafe? What town committee would cover this issue? Chief Rumsey will do some research to find out who posts for beach closure after storms or for red tide and if the testing we do is a part of Maine Healthy Beaches program.

Chief Rumsey handed out an updated diagram of the proposed master float plans. (This is a proposal only at this time, as it still needs to go through more steps and DEP approval.) Plan C-2 shows both current and future plans of the floats and how it will affect the eel grass. After review, the Commission had many questions regarding the proposed plan and would like to meet with Baker & Associates to address the concerns.

It was also noted that the mooring field needs better markings as well as mooring field education in order to better protect the eel grass beds.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by,
Jean Duchesneau, Recording Secretary