Waterways Committee

Advisory Committee to the Select Board

**PURPOSE:**

Waterways Committee is an advisory committee to the Select Board and shall make recommendations relating to the development of harbor regulations and recommendations of all waterway’s issues and water dependent structures for consideration of the Select Board, as per the Charter (Chapter 7, Section 14).

The Harbormaster, per general law shall adopt regulations for the permitting of moorings and the stationing of vessels and shall administer waterways policies developed by the Waterways Committee and adopted by the Select Board. The Harbormaster shall be exclusively under the day-to-day supervision of the Town Administrator, as per Charter, Chapter 7, Section 14, Clause 7-14-3. Given the advisory role of the Waterways Committee under the Town Charter, the Waterways Committee shall not interfere in any way with day to day harbor operations or attempt to supervise or direct the Harbormaster or other Town employees responsible for the operation of the harbors and waterways.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS/COMPOSITION/OPERATION:**

The Waterways Committee shall consist of 7 members and 2 alternates appointed by the Select Board to staggered 3-year terms, which will run from July 1 to June 30.  Each year the Waterways Committee will reorganize and elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk during the first meeting in July.

**SCOPE AND PROCEDURE:**

When directed by the Select Board, Harbormaster or Town Employee, the Waterways Committee will then work to accomplish the directive by holding public meetings to discuss and gain public input specific to the request of the Select Board. The agenda items will represent the interest of the Select Board, the Committee, the Harbormaster, Town Employee or the public.

The Waterways Committee, through the Chair, may make recommendations specific to harbor operations and regulations to the Select Board. The Waterways Committee Chair may request information from the Harbormaster, Town employee or Select Board specific to harbor and waterway’s issues to provide future recommendations.

**CONDUCT:**

The Waterways Committee shall post meeting notices, maintain and post meeting minutes as required under open meeting law. If the Waterways Committee has any concerns relative to Harbor policies, such concerns shall be relayed exclusively to the Select Board. If a member of the Waterways Committee has any concern regarding the operation of the harbors, it shall communicate such concerns exclusively to the Town Administrator.

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