



TOWN OF HARWICH
WATERWAYS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:00 PM
Minutes

Attendance and Introductions:

Call to Order: 6:05pm

Members Present: Tom Themistos, Chairman; Dan Hall, Vice Chairman; Larry Brutti; Jay Walpole;

Members Absent: Roger Peterson; Kent Druschella; Joe Johnson; Dan Casey; Cameron Smith

Others Present: John Rendon, Harbormaster; Heinz Proft, Natural Resources Director; Charlie Agro, Coastal Engineering; Paul Wittenstein, Guest; Mark Kelleher, Guest; Mark Burgess, Shorefront Consulting; Katie Tortorello, Guest; Chuck Tortorello, Guest; John O'Reilly, Guest; Chris Petrino, Guest; Steve Palermo, Guest; Mark Blaze, Guest; Andy Pye

MINUTES: A motion was made by Dan Hall to Approve the Minutes for March 17, 2021. Seconded by Larry Brutti. All members were unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA: Nothing this month

OPEN FORUM: Nothing this month

FINANCIAL REPORT: Presented by Harbormaster Rendon

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Seasonal Aluminum Dock Structure – 41 Sequattom Road (Kemper). John M. O'Reilly & Associates, Inc. No concerns were expressed by Harbormaster Rendon or Natural Resource Director Proft to update the existing dock at 41 Sequattom Road. A motion was made by Dan Hall to accept the proposal of Plan JMO-8910 dated 3.9.3021 located at 41 Sequattom Road (Kemper). Seconded by Jay Walpole. All members unanimously approved.

2. Proposed Pier Ramp & Float - 41 Nons Road (Pye). Mark Burgess, Shorefront Consulting. No concerns to the proposal were expressed by Harbormaster Rendon except navigation in the area will need care from Natural Resource Director Proft. A motion was made by Jay Walpole to accept the proposed Pier, Ramp and Float at 41 Nons Road (Pye), File 50436-EXC.DWG, Job No. 50436.00 of 03.07.2021. Seconded by Dan Hall. All members unanimously approved.
3. Proposed modification to existing seasonal dock - Mashpa Road. Katherine Tortorello. Concerns expressed by Harbormaster Rendon about the unknown owner of the Chapter 91 License and the users of the dock. It was mentioned that an abutting neighbor submitted a letter of concern about noise and safety issues to the Harbormaster. A recommendation was made that documentation in support of these changes should be provided by the License holder of the dock and the Mashpa Road Association and submitted to the WWC before a decision can be made. A motion was made by Jay Walpole to table this request presented by Katherine and Chuck Tortorello until the License holder of the dock presents the request to the Waterways Committee. Seconded by Larry Brutti. All members unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Maintenance Dredging and Installation of Batter Pile - 16 Harbor Road (Manning). Coastal Engineering Co., Inc. No concerns were expressed by Harbormaster Rendon on the revised proposal. A motion was made by Dan Hall to accept the proposed Maintenance Dredging and Installation of Batter Pile of Plan C3.1.1 revision date 3.31.2021 at 16 Harbor Road, Harwich Port (Manning). Seconded by Larry Brutti. All members unanimously approved.
2. Modification of existing seasonal permit for production of Sugar Kelp to include Bay Scallops - Kelleher Farms (Mark Kelleher). Harbormaster Rendon reiterated his concerns on navigation and a lack of a designated area for this type of testing in Harwich. Two additional concerns of the Harbormaster are the new location, which is expanded into the waterway and having the gear in the water during the summer months may cause navigation issues in an already busy Sound. A motion was made by Dan Hall to approve that the most southernmost buoy location be utilized (1.3-1.5 miles off shore) for this project on an experimental basis. There was no second to the motion or support from the committee members therefore the motion failed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Board of Selectmen - None

Harbormaster: Harbormaster Rendon reported on the recent Mooring Revocation letter that was mailed out and received. Also, an update on the Surplus sand policy that will be up for bids over the next few weeks.

Natural Resource Director: Natural Resource Director Profit gave an update on the Herring. Two weeks ago the count was already over 1 million and 2020 had 994K.

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. Mooring Revocation Letter
2. Surplus Dredge Material Memo

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday May 19, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Dan Hall to adjourn at 8:00PM, seconded by Jay Walpole, all members unanimously approved.

Minutes recorded by: Leah McPherson

Authorized Posting Officer:
Tom Themistos, Waterways Committee Chairman
Signed Date April 28, 2021



Posting Date: May 22, 2021

Approved 5/19/2021