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Waterways Management Advisory Board
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 4pm
Town Office

Call to order – John Marrah opened the meeting at 4:00pm.

Present: John Marrah, Mark Van Fleet, Mark Welsh and Town Manager Jean Weisman were present. Roy Myers was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Member Mark Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2018 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Van Fleet and carried on a vote of 3:0 in favor.

Other Matters from Advisory Board or Staff

Discussion of Hollis Park Bulkhead docking rules: Marianne Jackson, representing Higgins Marina, gave a brief description of an incident regarding boats blocking the access to the Marina by rafting at the Hollis Park Bulkhead. She said there was excessive noise and alcohol use by the occupants on the rafted boats. It was noted that the St. Michaels Police Department is the enforcement authority for excessive noise.

Higgins Marina is requesting installation of signs on the Hollis Park bulkhead limiting the hours of permitted use and rafting.

Member Welsh asked if this was a matter of rules or enforcement. Ms. Weisman supported the request for hours of limitation and no docking on signage. Members and applicant discussed time limits.

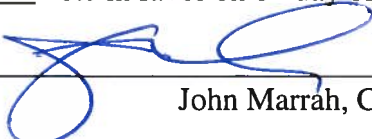
Chairman Marrah made a motion to forward a recommendation to the Commissioners to change the statute to limiting the hours for Hollis Park Bulkhead use from 7:00am to 9:00pm and not allowing any rafting at the Hollis Park Bulkhead. The motion was seconded by Member Van Fleet and carried by a vote of 3:0 in favor. Ms. Weisman will prepare the request for Chairman Marrah's signature to forward to the Commissioners.

Member Marrah suggest seeking advice from a gentleman from the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy regarding a conversation about Rising Tides.

Discussion of slip fees was rescheduled to the December 11th meeting so that Member Myers would be present. Member Welsh asked if discussion of the St. Michaels Marina fuel docks would be addressed in the future. Chairman Marrah stressed the importance of proactively addressing the environmental impact caused by the rising tide.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 3-0 vote in favor on 8th day of January, 2018.



John Marrah, Chairman