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Waterways Management Advisory Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Present: Board Members, William (Billy) Adams, John Marrah, Mark Van Fleet, Roy Myers, and Zoning Officer Sarah Abel were present. Gregory Kemp was not in attendance.

Call to Order: Vice Chairman William (Billy) Adams called to order the meeting of the Waterways Management Advisory Board at 4:02 p.m.

Member Billy Adams made a motion to approve May 1, 2018 Minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Member Van Fleet and carried by 4:0:1 in favor.

Review of Building Permit BP # 5046 review for William Sohan for a pier at 205 Green Street. Dani Walton from Lane Engineering presented the application. Ms. Abel gave a brief summary of the application, she is asking for a recommendation from the board that the request is or is not consistent with the development patterns in the Harbor. Ms. Abel added that as ACOE and MDE approvals have been received and the permit could be issued upon receiving a recommendation from the advisory panel. Ms. Walton noted that neighboring property owners have sent letters of no objection of the proposed project. Ms. Walton walked the members through the process of determining the lateral lines based on Chapter 333-7.

Member Marrah made a motion to recommend the approval of lateral lines as defined and building within the lateral lines in the permit and make a favorable recommendation to the zoning officer for property located at 205 Green Street, seconded by Member Myers. The motion carried by 4:0:1 in favor.

Lateral line determination for Building Permit #5069 – shared pier/walkway between lots 9 and 10, San Domingo Court. Dani Walton from Lane Engineering presented the application. Members reviewed options A-D. Member Marrah suggest pulling the permit issued for lot 11 (962 San Domingo Court) which used options prior to the most recent changes to the Code. Members agreed that lateral line exhibit B would be the least obtrusive to the adjacent property owners. As applicant has not received permits from ACOE or MDE, Ms. Abel suggest continuing the review of application in order to do more thorough research including contacting Mr. Bidell. After a lengthy discussion the application was continued to the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting date at 4:00. Member Myers would like to see documentation regarding the prior permit for existing pier, a recommendation from -DNR, and copies of letters of no objection from the neighboring property owners.

Member Marrah Chaired the meeting as Member Adams left early.

Other matters from Advisory Board or Staff:

Discussion of boat lift text amendment request by Marea.

Jean Weisman, Town Manager representing the Commissioners noted that as the Town currently does not allow boat lifts in the Harbor, property owners in Marea are requesting a recommendation from the Waterways Advisory Board regarding a text amendment to Chapter 333 to allow boatlifts in Hidden Harbor. Mr. Parker of Parker, Counts Law firm gave a summary of the request, specifically to Chapter

333-10D (Prohibited acts). The text amendment request is to insert "...boatlifts are prohibited within a waterway..." adding the following – "other than Hidden Harbor."

Members discussed Talbot County Regulations and other waters of the Town.

Members directed staff to draft a letter to the Commissioners to include the wording "other waters of the Town."

Mr. Hopkinson of W. Chestnut Street suggested placing floating docks in San Domingo/Back Creek Park. Ms. Weisman noted that permits are in the works with MDE and the Town to install dingy docks and handicapped new launch.

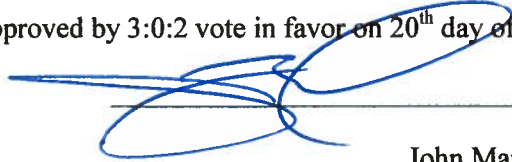
Boat slips lease update:

Members discussed waitlist/procedure rules and ways to reduce the wait time for those on the waitlist. Member Van Fleet volunteered to review list of boat slip holders with staff, Kim Shellem. Member Van Fleet also volunteered to contact Sandy Pepe (DNR) and other jurisdictions in regards to charging a waitlist fee. It was noted that the enforcement authority for the Harbor is the St. Michaels Police Department and the Natural Resource Police). Options to codify boat lease agreement and waitlist rules were also discussed. Ms. Weisman suggested the Town draft a letter to current slip holders with a photo of those boats that are not registered for the slip. Member Myers suggested updating the lease agreements; rules and regulations for waitlist, consider increasing annual slip rates to be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Weisman is applying for a Grant for Waterway Improvement Funds due August 20<sup>th</sup>. Members discussed the list of possible improvements: provide water and electric to certain docks, floating docks and public restrooms by waterman's shed by Harbor Inn. Ms. Weisman noted that the monies collected from lease agreements are used to help the boating public.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26p.m.

Minutes approved by 3:0:2 vote in favor on 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.



John Marrah, Chairman