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Waterways Management Advisory Board
Tuesday March 11, 2020 at 4pm
Town Office

CALL TO ORDER – Roy Myers opened the meeting at 4:02pm.

Present: Roy Myers, John Marrah, Mark Van Fleet, Daniel ‘Dink’ Daffin, and Planning and Zoning Officer Kymberly Kudla. Mark Welsh was not in attendance. Two members of the public were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Marrah made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2020 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Van Fleet and carried on a vote of 3:0 in favor.

Member Daniel Daffin joined the meeting.

Other matters from Advisory Board or Staff.

- Chairman Myers opened the discussion of floating docks relative to updating Chapter 333- Waterways Management, he read proposed definitions relative to piers, finger piers, and floating docks (made a part of these minutes). Member Marrah suggest adding definition of floating dock/pier, materials used, permit requirements, materials used, construction, etc. Discussion to continue at the next meeting.
- Dredging in the harbor discussion: Member Daffin provided photos of problem areas in the Harbor and Back Creek. Chairman Myers would like to rebuild town docks and piers along north harbor road and the small boat ramp. He suggests seeking a Grant from DNR to support dredging areas along Harbor Road as part of a bigger project to raise the bulkhead. Chairman Myers agreed to draft a letter to the commissioners to maintain existing piers, install bathrooms and repurpose the second boat ramp into a kayak launch.
- Boat slip policy discussion: in response to a concerned resident noting noncompliance with the boat lease agreement (subletting/sharing of slips). Complaints and enforcement were discussed. Member Van Fleet to draft a revised lease agreement for 2021-2022 to include considerations for slip sharing.
- Grant Update by Ms. Kudla. Members discussed the purpose of the grant and Mr. Clarke of Higgins Marina spoke about his plans for the marina in relation to sea level rise. Myers spoke about concerns of the grant funding amount and proposed to speak to the Commissioners about additional funding for the grant.
- Chairman Myers gave some background regarding a letter prepared by Mike Morgan, he then recused himself. It was agreed that to extend the piers beyond the harbor lines is not in the Waterways purview and should be brought to the Commissioners attention but urged Mr. Morgan to seek grant funding.
- Member Daffin asked if dock boxes were permitted for slip holders. Member Marrah suggest a review of the Waterway’s responsibility and code compliance. Continued to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 5-0 vote in favor on the 8th day of June 2020.

Roy Myers, Chairman