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Waterways Management Advisory Board  
Work session Meeting  
Tuesday July 27, 2021, at 4pm  
In Person & Virtual

CALL TO ORDER – Roy Myers opened the meeting at 4:00pm.

Present: Roy Myers, John Marrah, Mark Van Fleet, Dink Daffin, and Zoning Officer Kymberly Kudla, interim Town Manager Jeff Rhodes. Mark Welsh was not in attendance. Also, in attendance via zoom -was CBMM President, Kristen Greenaway, and Jeff McGuinness of the Fogg Cove Homeowners Association.

Member Marrah made a motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2021, as submitted. Seconded by Member Daffin and carried on a vote of 4:0 in favor.

Floating Platforms discussion: Kym Kudla reviewed Ordinances 131, 256 of the waterways specifically referencing Ord. 351 (2007): Floats were allowed by permit approval, Ord. 430 (2012) in which floats were not permitted. Members continued discussing the aerial photo of the Harbor attached to Ord. 430 and the grandfathered status of the 5 community floats at the Perry Cabin Townhouses and the floats at CBMM.

Chairman Myers made a motion to grandfather the 5 community floating platforms at Fogg Cove Townhouses as legal nonconforming waterway improvements per Chapter 333-13, as shown in the image from Ord. 430 and the 2 long double piers (4 floats - Steamboat building) and dingy dock at the small boat shed at the CBMM as grandfathered. Motion seconded by Member Marrah and carried on a vote of 4:0 in favor.

Chairman Myers led the discussion regarding the definition of Floats (page 6). Member Marrah clarified the difference between floating (not permanent) easily removable and structures in which the “float” is permanently attached/fixed to the pilings. He then read the definition of a boat lift - page 5.

Members noted the items which need to be updated in Chapter 333. Kym Kudla agreed to contact Talbot County and MDE for further guidance on definitions of floats, boats, boat lifts, vessels, legal nonconforming floats, and ADA requirements.

Chairman Myers agreed to provide a plan to the Commissioners for review and approval to amend the Code.

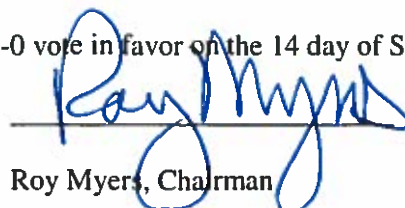
Kristen Greenaway encouraged the development a process of legally non-conforming floats to transfer to a safer, permitted use.

Kym Kudla spoke to “No transient docking” signage. Member Marrah suggest a sign placed on the bulkhead, “Private Slip”. Member Van Fleet to draft proposed signage for the commissioners.

Chairman Myers mentioned the receipt of a Grant from MDE to install water hook ups to slips on W. Harbor Rd.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 3-0 vote in favor on the 14 day of September 2021.

  
Roy Myers, Chairman