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Waterways Management Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday December 14, 2021, at 4pm
In-Person & Virtual

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

Present: Roy Myers, Mark Van Fleet, Dink Daffin, John Marrah, Mark Welsh, and Zoning Officer Kymberly Kudla.

Member Daffin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021, as corrected. Seconded by Member Van Fleet and carried on a vote of 5:0 in favor.

New Business:

Review of Building Permit: Higgins Yacht Yard - 203 Carpenter Street – Replace section of “A” dock, raise dock 18”, & relocate pilings.

Applicant Jon Clarke is seeking the approval of the waterways commission prior to MDE approval to replace a section of “A” dock, raise the dock 18”, and relocate 2 pilings. Members discussed MDE approvals and requirements to replace a dock in - kind.

Member Myers made a motion to approve the replacement and raising dock “A”, without extending the A pier and movement of D3 and D4 to widen slip A3 along with any required MDE approvals. Motion seconded by Member Marrah which carried on a vote of 5:0 in favor. Staff to confirm the location of the Harbor Line, Mr. Clarke to return for approval to extend Dock A by adding 2 new pilings.

Other matters from Advisory Board or Staff.

Members reviewed and discussed the draft documents by Member Myers: comparing platforms, private and HOA platforms, floating docks, structures, definitions of prohibited acts and non-conforming uses. Members discussed legal nonconforming waterway improvements. Member Myers agreed to continue his research. Jurisdiction and regulations of boat slips at Perry Cabin town houses were also discussed as well as floats versus floating platforms, commercial vs. non-commercial.

Member Myers will ask Department of Public Works to address repairs to the bulkhead on Harbor Road. He then suggested seeking a Grant next year to replace bulkhead around Harbor/Chew Avenue. Member Daffin spoke of widening slips.

Member Daffin suggested using the current loading and unloading slips (1-2) be used as leased slips.

An update will be given to members at the next meeting regarding water to the docks in the Harbor by Member Myers.

Member Marrah suggested discussing reserving specific slips to be used for a pick-up and drop-off point for water taxis at the next meeting. Next Meeting January 11, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 5:29pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 4:0 vote in favor on the 8th day of March, 2022.

Roy Myers, Chairman