

Phillips Harrington

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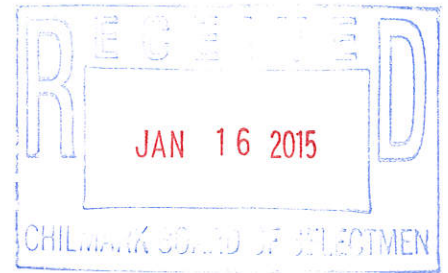
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The Selectmen of Chilmark, Harbormaster &
Members of the Harbor Committee:

Sirs;

For the past six years my wife and I have leased a slip on the West Dock (resident filled dock slips) in Menemsha. Since the very beginning of our lease of this docking space, we have had problems with the water system, electricity and progressive worsening of the cleanliness and sanitary upkeep of this town property.

I have requested on numerous occasions for these problems to be remedied and suggested inexpensive solutions to these problems to harbor staff members. I have spoken to two Chilmark selectmen regarding these problems and offered solutions to them as well.

The water system at my slip consistently failed resulting in my inability to properly clean my boat adding to the unkempt appearance of Menemsha. I repeatedly suggested a simple inexpensive way to repair the water pedestal problem to the harbor staff to no avail.

When I signed an electricity lease form I expected the agreed upon continuous 30 amp/ 120 volt service. The electricity in our slip in the years 2013 and 2014 was lacking, usually 40 volts or less. The summer of 2014 the lack of proper electricity caused damage to my vessels electrical system. I frequently reported the electricity problem to the harbor staff and wonder why it was not repaired?

I understand that storage of equipment, pots and bait barrels is not permitted on the resident filled dock slips area.

The harbormaster has tried to control this problem to no avail. The result is a smelly, maggoty facility which is a health hazard and certainly not attractive or in keeping with the thought of a family oriented harbor.

I understand that even though Menemsha has steadily produced a fine income to the Town, the finance committee in its infinite wisdom has almost yearly decreased the Harbor operations appropriations. The result is fewer funds for maintenance, repairs and cleanliness of the Menemsha Docks and Harbor. Did the current selectmen approve that decrease?

The squalid appearance and lack of attention to the docks is a direct reflection on the Town of Chilmark and indicates sloppy management by the administrators and staff.

In closing the content of the Slip Lease Form includes a clause which attempts to burden the slip lessee with any liability regarding claims against the Town by the lessee or guest of the slip lessee for damages. This is ridiculous in that the slip lessee cannot indemnify the Town for the actions of others on Town property.

Hopefully the Selectmen and the Town Employees will make a more conscientious effort to supervise and properly maintain the electric, water and cleanliness of the docks.

This letter is written in the spirit of trying to make Menemsha a better place and with hopes that this is the way it will be interpreted.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phillips Harrington".

Phillips (Flip) Harrington,