

HARBOR/WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING

January 3, 2011 8:00 AM

Falmouth Police Department

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Richard Garrett, Paul Dobbins, Jay Hallett, Richard Craven, William Oliver, Peter Thornton, Emmanuel Kourinos, Councilor Fred Chase, Harbormaster Alan Twombly, Kimmerly Maxfield-Fearon

Absent: None

Members of the public: Maureen Anderson Green

I. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

Chairperson Garrett brought up the new construction at Handy Boat citing it as the most significant work done in the past 40 years and everyone should take an opportunity to go and see it.

II. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF 12/9/10 MEETING

Jay Hallett made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/9/10 meeting. William Oliver seconded. Richard Garrett, Jay Hallett, Paul Dobbins, William Oliver, Peter Thornton, Emmanuel Kourinos all approved – Richard Craven abstained as he was not at the prior meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Maureen Anderson Green, citizen who is on the waiting list present only to listen. She would be happy to discuss her situation with the harbormaster after the meeting.

IV. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Opened the shellfish flats south of Town Landing to Waites Landing.

Mailed out the mooring renewal notices. Only about 80 were sent through the mail, the rest were sent via e-mail.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Riparian Language

There was discussion on the language of the change in the ordinance in the section that covers riparian rights (changing the shoreline from 100' to 70') and the whether there should be a cap on the number of moorings allowed. Currently the limit is 2 per person per riparian property (i.e. 3 people at a residence, they could have 6 moorings for that piece of property). There was discussion on limiting the # of moorings in regards to associations with riparian rights and it was decided that there would be no cap on direct property with riparian rights but there would be on those with indirect riparian rights.

Councilor Chase pointed out that the cap would be only on those with indirect riparian rights (such as condominium projects with water frontage). The limit would 1 mooring per dwelling. This limit does not affect single residence properties.

Further discussion on limiting the number of moorings for indirect riparian property owners and whether a cap would cause people to ask for moorings just because there was a cap.

The language of the proposed ordinance change was read "We suggest that there be a limit of between 150 - 250 moorings available for indirect access". Jay Hallett asked if there were 250 homes that currently fit into that category? Harbormaster stated he didn't believe so and believes that it will be self-limiting with the number of qualifying dwellings.

Councilor Chase recommends the change as is.

Jay Hallett made a motion to accept the document as is with the exception of putting the cap of 250 and taking out the 150 part of the range. William Oliver seconded.

Councilor Chase asked for clarification of where the range was and it was explained that it was staff recommendation to put the range in, the attorney's copy only had the 150 figure on the ordinance recommendation.

There was discussion of which document they were working from. A little more discussion on the limit.

Approve: Jay Hallett, William Oliver, Richard Garrett, Richard Craven,
Peter Thornton, Paul Dobbins

Abstain: Emmanuel Kourinos (wants no limit on # of moorings but was
alright with the rest of the change).

B. Unlisted Business – Extension of Side Floats

Paul Dobbins made a request that a plan be put in place to extend the floats significantly to address the issue of getting boats in during a drainer tide. He feels that the floats should go out about 4 sections. Per the harbormaster, 4 extensions would interfere with the other floats.

There was discussion on extending the side floats by one section. If one section would not be enough to relieve some of the congestion what's the point of spending the money? After discussion, it was determined that 1 would gain another foot of depth. It was decided to move forward with the plan.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be determined as the need arises.

ADJOURN

William Oliver made a motion, Jay Hallett seconded that the meeting be adjourned.
Voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Kimmerly Maxfield-Fearon, February 2, 2011.