

**HARBOR/WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2005**

Present: Maura McGowan, Richard Garrett, John Winslow, Peter Leavitt, Stephen Archambault, Ed Tolan

Chairman McGowan opened the meeting at 8:00 AM

Prior to the public forum Chairperson McGowan introduced the new members.

1. Public Forum

Mr. Staples spoke on the positive suggestion of reviewing the points of access to the harbor.

Mrs. Tobiasson questioned why the boats moored outside the anchorage are not moved inside the anchorage; where are the additional moorings for Handy Boat and PYC going to be placed; why the Coast Guard is allowed to move forward without council approval on the special anchorage

Mr. Leavitt asked if it would be possible to have a letter from the Coast Guard explaining the process for the special anchorage.

Mr. Payne from *Friends of Casco Bay* stated if we increase the lines of the anchorage it may provide an opportunity for more moorings; the town should have written a letter to the Coast Guard opposing the special anchorage.

Mr. Garrett would like a cap on the number of moorings at 900.

Mr. Staples thinks the special anchorage is a good idea, but he does not want to see more moorings.

Mr. Hallett stated the bulk of the problem with numbers of moorings is in the area of Town Landing.

Mrs. McGowan mentioned that Mr. Staples had provided information on web sites that may be of assistance in selecting a consultant for the future of the harbor.

Mr. Winslow suggested obtaining all information necessary prior to hiring a consultant; suggestion of sub-dividing the harbor for caps on moorings in the different areas rather than the entire harbor.

Mr. Leavitt asked that any consultant that is hired work through the harbor committee.

2. Approval of Minutes of the November 18, 2005 meeting

On a motion (Winslow), duly seconded (Archambault), it was **voted** (5 ayes) as follows:

“To approve the Harbor/Waterfront Committee minutes for November 18, 2005.”

3. Harbormaster’s Report

- **Harbormaster, John Dalton** is unavailable due to illness.

4. Old Business

Chief Tolan advised on the boat replacement status:

- Money has been requested in the proposed FY07 budget for a new boat to replace the 11 year old boat;
- Suggested a committee be formed to write specifications for the boat (Mr. Winslow and Jay Hallett volunteered to be on the committee); committee would also have John Dalton and new assistant harbormaster, Rick Freese.
- Plan is to purchase the boat for the 2007 season.
- Mr. Winslow suggested looking for a used boat that would meet our needs.

On the moratorium Mr. Winslow suggested a committee with representatives from PYC and Handy Boat to determine where boats are accessed to determine how Town Landing is actually affected. Mrs. McGowan mentioned the survey that was included with the moorings applications.

Mr. Garrett stated that he did not support having a representative from PYC and Handy Boat on the committee.

Regarding the *Coastal Waters Ordinance* Mr. Winslow suggested reviewing the ordinance annually and making a suggested changes to the council early enough for them to be incorporated prior to the boating season.

Mr. Leavitt asked for clarification on a section of the ordinance that stated “2 moorings per resident”. Does that mean two per resident or two per household? Chief will check with Bill Plouffe.

Mr. Leavitt asked Chief to instruct the harbormaster that dinghys should not be on the rocks near the office and in a more orderly fashion around the floats.

5. New Business

Mrs. McGowan provided details on the informational packets that had been given to the new members prior to the meeting.

Chief Tolan advised that Kevin Cady had been hired as the new assistant harbormaster and would begin work April 3rd. Rick Freese will be hired the week of

April 10th to work as an assistant as well. Chief advised that we have 72 hours per week budgeted from two weeks before Memorial Day until three weeks after Labor Day. Due to John Dalton's absence we may be forced to utilize the two assistants for more hours.

Chief advised that DPW had put the side floats in the water earlier in the week and the front floats would be going in within a couple of weeks dependent upon the weather.

The boat is till at Central Fire Station and ready to go in the water.

Chief advised that the new style mooring applications have been mailed and that no new moorings, other than the 10 at PYC and 30 at Handy Boat will not be accepted. A waiting list has been created in the town clerk's office.

Mr. Winslow discussed the idea of a satellite parking lot for Town Landing similar to what Cumberland does for Chebeague Island.

Mrs. McGowan advised that an election should be held to fill the vacant seat of chairperson and vice-chair. After a brief discussion of candidates nomination was made;

On a motion (Archambault), seconded by (Leavitt), it was voted (4 ayes) to elect Maura McGowan as new chairperson.

On a motion (Winslow), seconded by (McGowan), it was voted (4 ayes) to elect Rich Garrett as the new vice-chairperson.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 27, 2006 at 6 pm at the Town office.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.