

HARBOR/WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
May 17, 2012 8:00 AM
Falmouth Police Department

ROLL CALL

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

Public: 1 (Karen Faber)

Absent, Richard Craven, Councilor Chase

I. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Will make comments later in meeting during dog waste discussion.

II. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF November 10, 2011 MEETING

It was realized that the wrong date was on the minutes. William Oliver made a motion to accept the amended minutes of the November 10, 2011 meeting, Jay Hallett seconded. It was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Moorings

Total	1097 (2011 – 1074)
Received	1074 (2011 - 1058)
Not Renewing	44 (2011 – 36)
Status Pending	23 (2011 – 37)
New Moorings	32 (plus 8 started but incomplete) (2011 – 21)

Wait List

Resident	35 (2011 – 68)
Non-Resident	8 (2011 – 44)

Dinghy Permits

Resident	47 (35 issued on Dinghy Day)
Non-Resident	23 (18 issued on Dinghy Day)

Late Notices

Final late notices were certified mailed on May 1st.

Floats

All floats are in as of Wednesday, May 9th.

Floats had extensive maintenance this winter to repair routine wear. All of the ramp netting should be replaced by the end of this week. The repair bid was won and all work done by Falls Point Marine.

Town Dinghies

The dinghies are being phased in to use as demand requires. There will be two available by the end of today and more added as needed. A new one has been purchased to replace the one lost/stolen last year. This year we will be painted a bright orange stripe on each dinghy to make them easier to identify and to discourage theft.

New Town Landing Ranger

Ranger James Tolan will not be returning to Town Landing this year while he pursues his career. After a hiring process we have hired Steve Pelletier. Steve is a two tour, Vietnam War, Navy veteran, he was a police officer in Massachusetts and the Maine State Police until the early 1980's when he went to the US Postal Service where he eventually retired as a US Postal Inspector last year. Steve is a volunteer fireman/rescue operator for the Gray Fire Department and will be going to school for his EMT-Basic license this summer. Finally, Steve is a Registered Maine Master Guide, so he brings a broad range of talents to the Town Landing.

There was discussion about oar locks for the town dinghies. The problem is that the oars don't fit in the available oar locks. Suggestions were made to remedy the situation. Jay Hallett was asked how Handy Boat handled the situation. They cable the oars to the dinghies. It was agreed that he would show the Harbormaster what they use.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ground Tackle Equipment for moorings

The committee is under an obligation to the army corps of engineers to look into the bungee type tackle.

Jay Hallett and Bill Oliver have looked into the issue of bungee type tackle. Jay Hallett spoke with a representative from Haslet Marine who did not recommend mixing the bungee tackle with the chain tackle due to the difference in swing. He was told it would be a good choice for a new anchorage with a grid system. Also,

recommended helix or block moorings, but that it wouldn't work well with mushrooms.

It does not appear to be a good system for the current anchorage layout.

Bill Oliver had technical data on the equipment which will be forwarded to all committee members to review. The Army Corps of Engineers mentioned this tackle initially to the Harbormaster, and Bill feels that eventually the town will be pushed into using this for environmental issues.

It was decided to continue to study this issue and address accordingly. It will be brought up at the next meeting.

It was suggested that Jay Clemmons from the Army Corps of Engineers be asked to come talk to the committee about this system.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dinghy Day

Because the permits do not sell out, it was suggested that "Dinghy Day" be eliminated. After very brief discussion, a motion was made by Jay Hallett "Dinghy Day" be done away with and that the ordinance be changed to read that dinghy permits would go on sale May 1st at 8:00 AM the harbormaster office, 60 resident, 30 nonresident on a first come, first served basis, available at the harbormaster's office. The motion was seconded by William Oliver and unanimously agreed on.

B. Dog Waste on Public Beach

There was discussion on the problem of dog waste on the beach at Town Landing. The issue of an ordinance to clean up after your dog has been addressed by the Town Council, and has been voted down. Richard Garrett advised the committee that his intention is to contact the Town Council as a citizen and advocate for an ordinance that would require people to clean up their dog's waste on the town beach. The committee had no problem with this.

VII. CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbor/Waterfront Committee is scheduled for November 15, 2012 at 8:00 AM.

ADJOURN

Jay Hallett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Paul Dobbins seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Kimmerly Maxfield-Fearon on May 22, 2012.