

**FALMOUTH HARBOR/WATERFROT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
6/26/08 8:00 AM**

Meeting called to order 8:00

Members Present: Chairperson Stephen Archambault; Jay Hallett, William Oliver, Peter Leavitt, Manny Kourinos, Richard Garrett

Absent: John Winslow

Others Present: Councilor David Libby; Harbormaster Kevin Cady, Kim Maxfield-Fearon (minutes), Andrew Manning (Malone & McBroom)

Members of the public: 2

Item I: Chairperson Comments:

Thanks to Kevin for his work on getting the municipal dinghies purchased, assembled, and in use. He has received positive comments.

Item II: Approve Minutes

Bill Oliver made motion to accept minutes from 5/15/08 meeting, Jay Hallett seconded. Minutes approved.

Item III: Public Comment

Joe Stanley of Downeast Duck made inquires as to any interest in a launch service that would pick people up at different land locations and take them to their boats utilizing a "duck". He will get information to the committee for review.

Item IV: Harbormaster Report

1243 moorings this year
1273 moorings for last year – He cleaned out the database and discovered that last year's number was inflated,
Has added 42 new moorings

Pete Leavitt brought up issues with people accessing from Underwood who are not authorized. Kevin explained that he has no authority to deny them a mooring if they claim to have permission from somewhere other than Town Landing. He explained to him the process for having unauthorized people removed (Criminal Trespass Notice).

The waiting list contains 52 residents and 13 nonresidents. There are 2 commercial fishing requests on the waiting list: Steve Jordan (listed because of John Winslow's inquiries); and Joe Schola.

Discussion on people getting around the waiting list and accessing from Town Landing.

The new GIS database is in the trial stage – the overlay chart is not yet in place.

The pump-out is getting a lot of use; it is free 24/7. Jay Hallett said that his dock crew has been instructed to do pump-outs and would like to be informed if it is discovered that they are sending people to the town landing to have it done.

3 hard bottom skiffs have been purchased. One of the oars is already broken. There was brief discussion on what to do about oars as initially oars were not going to be provided. There was discussion on how to regulate use of the skiffs, particularly when there was no one at the office. Suggestions such as a sign out book, combination lock, and cameras. Kevin did state that cameras were in the works for the landing.

10 moorings have been shifted to ease congestion. Bill Oliver will work on the PYC issues.

Item V: Unfinished business

A: Kerry Robillard: Steve Archambault asked about Kerry Roubillard. Kevin still hasn't heard from him.

C: Unlisted items: David Libby asked how the people without dinghy permits were reacting to the town dinghies. Kevin hasn't heard anything but Steve said that the response has been positive.

There was discussion about regulating the number of moorings an individual property owner can have. Suggestion about amending the ordinance but no final decision was reached.

B: Consultant update: Andrew Manning from Malone & McBroom presented his progress on the waterfront project. Is trying to meet the August 25 Council Meeting deadline. He plans to have the report ready for the July 17 meeting and any changes to be made by the August 23 meeting.

He is addressing 3 issues:

Parking / land usage: He has discovered that less than 40% of those going to the landing are actually launching boats. The parking is completely inadequate

Anchorage field: addressing immediate safety concerns and long term goal of creating grid pattern of moorings

How to get from land to boat: Dinghies, launch, etc.
Discussed possibility of moving the August meeting up one week in case changes need to be made to report. Will be revisited in the July meeting.

Item IV: New Business:

A: Location of Green Can #15: The Coast Guard placed it where it is for a reason and it is their issue to move it if they choose. There is a new anchorage marker coming.

B: Unlisted items: There is a personnel issue that needs to be addressed but that will be done in special meeting, executive session. The meeting will be advertised as an executive session but if the subject of the issue chooses it may become a public meeting. Meeting will occur on a Tuesday evening. Steve Archambault will contact committee members to set up a date.

Item 7: Confirm next meeting / Adjourn

The next meeting for the Harbor/Waterfront Committee is scheduled for July 17, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Falmouth Police Station.

Jay Hallett made a motion to adjourn, Bill Oliver seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:25.