

**FALMOUTH HARBOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**COASTAL WATERS ORDINANCE REVIEW
FALMOUTH TOWN HALL**

10/09/07

8AM

Meeting called to order at 8:07 am.

Members present: Steve Archambault (Chairperson), John Winslow, Manny Kourinos,
Bill Oliver, Harbor Master Kevin Cady

Members absent: Jay Hallett, Richie Garrett, Pete Leavitt

Town Council : Dave Libby (Council Liaison)

Consultant: Andrew Johnston (SYTDesign)

No Chairperson comments.

No public comments

ITEM 4. Ordinance issues

A. Definition of winter spar: Harbor Master Cady stated that he would like uniformity in the anchorage. Implementation of spar guidelines would take effect for the end of the 2008 season. A suggested definition was, **“A cylindrical floating object, 4 to 6 inches in diameter, 72 to 84 inches in length, securely attached to mooring ground tackle, and set to stand vertical at half to high tide. It is to be half painted white with blue stripe, and marked to identify mooring company and mooring owner.”**

Attending committee members all seemed comfortable with this definition.

B. Passenger boat definition: Andrew Johnston offered items for committee consideration. Committee members discussed passenger boat possibilities. A general consensus among committee members was to differentiate between a commercial passenger boat and a launch service, and to limit any commercial passenger boat operation to 6 passengers or less. Any commercial passenger boat service would have to conform to all operational standards set by Town, State, Federal, and Coast Guard guidelines.

Section 9-103 will be looked at by the consultant and suggestions for revisions will be made to reflect discussions by the committee concerning Commercial passenger boat usage of the Town Landing.

C. Launch Definition: After Committee discussion it was decided to have the Consultant take Committee input and form a definition for possible addition to the Coastal Waters Ordinance.

D. Mooring buoy identification: After discussion, the attending Committee members agreed to adjust the current Ordinance to state that the mooring holder's surname is to be on the mooring ball.

E. Clarify definition of Non-resident Commercial Marine Enterprise: After Committee discussion, it was agreed to have Consultant take committee input and formulate a clear definition of Non-resident Commercial Marine Enterprise and to present it to the Committee at the next Committee meeting.

F. Dinghy Registration Issue: Because the Town Council has not received the final report and recommendations from the Consultants hired to assess operations in and around the Town Landing, it was decided to ask the Town Council to extend the dinghy guidelines in the current Ordinance to 2008. This would keep the number of dinghies at 2007 level until the Council had time to review Consultant recommendations and consider making any future changes.

It was also decided to recommend that the council designate the second Saturday in April "Dinghy Sticker Day" as long as stickers were needed to keep a dinghy at Town Landing.

G. Winter Safety Ladder: The committee reconfirmed their intent to support the installation of a winter safety ladder on the Town Landing pier.

H. Town sticker availability at Harbor Master's office: It's suggested by the committee that the Town Council delete the reference to Town stickers being available at the Harbor Master's office since they are now only available at Town Hall.

Summation of discussions:

A motion to present the time sensitive issues of extending the 2007 dinghy guidelines through the 2008 season, and the designation of the second Saturday in April as "Dinghy Sticker Day", to the Town Council at the November Council meeting, as an emergency ordinance change, was made by John Winslow. The motion was seconded by Bill Oliver and received a unanimous vote to support.

Andrew Johnston (SYTDesign Consultant) will take the information gathered at this meeting, insert the suggested changes into the appropriate sections of the CWO, and provide the Harbor Committee with a lined out copy of the proposed revised Ordinance prior to the October 18th meeting. A copy of the proposed revised lined out CWO will also be provided to the Town Council for their review, prior to the Town Council Meeting in November.

ITEM 5. Unlisted Items: None

ITEM 6. Next Meeting: Confirmed for October 18th, 6pm, Town Hall

ITEM 7. A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Oliver , seconded by Manny Kourinos.
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Archambault