

HARBOR/WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
December 11, 2012, 8:00 AM
Falmouth Town Hall

ROLL CALL:

Meeting called to order at 8:01 AM. Present were: Chairperson Richard Garrett, Richard Craven, Paul Dobbins, William Oliver, Jay Hallett, Peter Thornton, Harbormaster Alan Twombly and Kimmerly Maxfield-Fearon.

Absent was Emmanuel Kourinos

Public: None

III PUBLIC COMMENT

None

I CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Very satisfied by the way Hurricane Sandy was handled.

Will do 1 more year of "dinghy day" and then the dinghy permits will be sold at the town landing on a first come, first served basis.

Jay Hallett and Harbormaster Twombly did a fantastic job with the dinghies this year. With the new paint and the oarlocks, there were no lost dinghies or oars this season.

II REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2012 MEETING

Jay Hallett made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2012 meeting, William Oliver seconded. It was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting.

IV HARBORMASTER REPORT

Moorings

Total 1103

Wait List

Resident 38

Non-Resident 11

Floats

The dinghy float and end float were hauled out at the end of October. The commercial floats will remain in as long as possible for the lobster men and mooring companies. We did not sustain any damage from Hurricane Sandy.

Town Dinghies

This year we painted an orange stripe and spliced snaps on pennants. As a result we did not lose a dinghy this year and the orange stripe helped locate the dinghies in the anchorage. We also had the oars and oarlocks installed by Handy Boat Service and they worked perfectly.

Ranger Steve Pelletier is stripping the dinghies and repainting them with a more durable plastic paint in preparation for next season. Steve also built a dinghy rack behind the police station to store them off the ground in the winter.

Parking

The Town Landing Rangers diligently enforced resident only parking this year in addition to selling Falmouth Parking Stickers so that people could park in compliance. The feedback was positive from residents and most non-residents. We intend to take the same approach next season.

The commercial floats may be taken in next week, or earlier due to the approaching northeaster.

No dinghies were lost last year, and the new paint will glow in the dark.

Paul Dobbins asked how long the longest resident been on the on the wait list. Harbormaster was not sure, maybe a couple years, but will be called this year.

V AGENDA ITEM

Report on use of bungee line as part of mooring tackle

Jay Hallett and Bill Oliver are researching bungee line tackle. Bill Oliver is still researching this on people across the country. More and more people are using this. They will continue to keep an eye on the trend.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Winter Floats

Manny Kourinos would like to see winter floats.

Harbormaster stated that there has been discussion over the last couple years as there are a handful of people who use the landing in the winter.

Richard Garrett asked if they were considering leaving current floats out or adding a new float.

Paul Dobbins spoke to Nick Nappi (commercial fisherman) and he felt that an 8' float off the end would be enough.

Jay Hallett reported that the Long Island Fire Department mutual aid was looking for a grant to put a float on our facility.

Brief discussion on adding float.

Alan Twombly suggested the option of beefing up the commercial float. By adding an 8' float, the insurance company will not insure a ladder.

Jay Hallett will keep the committee updated on the progress with Long Island.

Harbormaster Twombly added to his report that the rub rails on the pier are not safe anymore as they are old and are hoping to replace them next year and are also trying to budget for gallows frames for all of the gangway entrances.

B. Improve area under gangway

Paul Dobbins suggested pouring concrete under the gangway. The angle is tough to negotiate while backing in. He would like to recommend that the town improve the area.

Harbormaster report that no one has backed over it, but some have come close.

Paul Dobbins feels that the cost to make the improvement would be \$1000 – \$1500 for materials and permits. He also suggested that it could be filled in with rock. He will do some research on this plan.

There was discussion on how to fill in the area and Paul will get costs for suggestions, concrete or rock, and present them to the committee.

Richard Garrett recommended a motion be made to vote on investigating the cost.

More discussion.

Jay Hallett thought concrete would be more permanent.

Paul thought the cost of the project would be no more than \$3000.

Paul and Alan will work on the details.

Alan asked for a letter from the committee about what they're recommending today.

Further discussion on hazards of current situation.

Paul Dobbins made a motion to present the recommendation to the town to fill in the angle in attached exhibit A. Richard Craven / William Oliver seconded it. It was voted unanimously to present the recommendation.

C. Election of Officers

Richard Craven made a motion to keep Richard Garrett as chairperson. William Oliver seconded the motion. It was voted unanimously that Richard Garrett will remain chairperson of the committee.

Richard Garrett made a motion to keep Richard Craven as vice-chairperson. Paul Dobbins seconded it. It was voted unanimously that Richard Craven would remain vice-chairperson of the committee.

D. Update e-mail and phone # list

Richard Garrett will ask the town clerk to update the information.

VII CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT MEETING (MAY 16, 2013 8:00 AM)

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5/16/13 at 8:15 AM, unless a prior meeting is necessary. The meeting will be held at Town Hall.

Richard Garrett felt it was a great year for the Harbor, Yacht Club and for Handy Boat.

ADJOURN

William Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 AM, Jay Hallett seconded it. It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Kimmerly Maxfield-Fearon on 12/28/12.

Request to have the Town fill in the angle on ramp - a hazard when backing vehicles to end of dock for loading/unloading

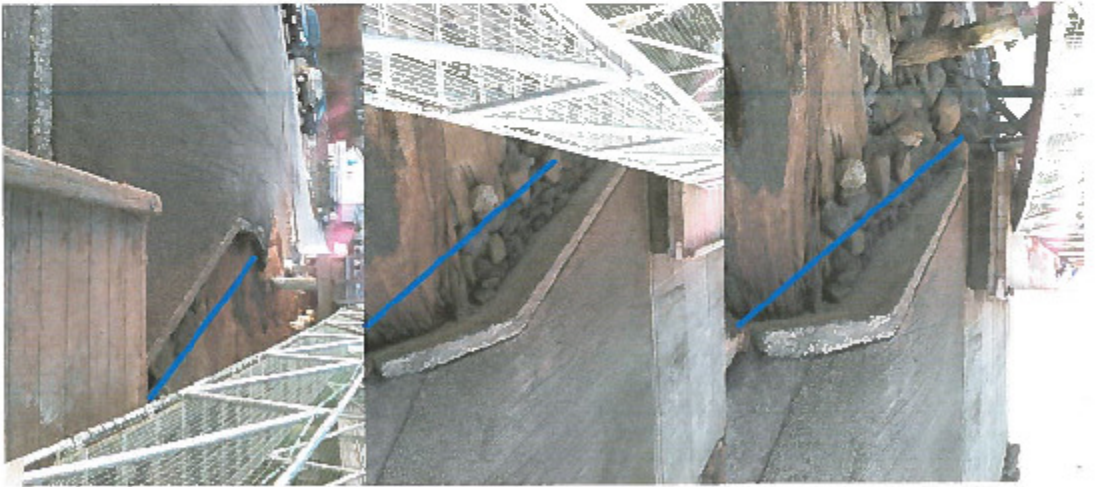
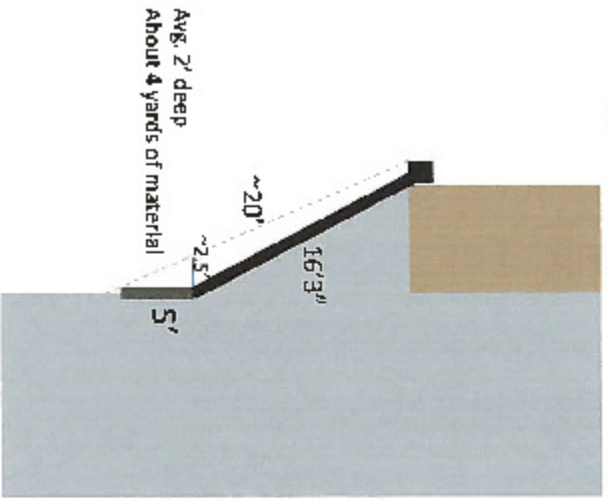


Exhibit A