

Hull Harbor Management Committee

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Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2006

In Attendance: Myron Smith, Chairman; Jay Fleck Clerk; Sally Chisholm, Bill McKeon, Andy Spinale

The meeting of the Hull Harbor Management Committee (HHMC) was called to order at 7:07 PM in the second floor meeting room of Hull Town Hall on Tuesday July 10, 2006 by Chairman Smith.

Old Business:

Harbor Access Project: Mr. Ray will give the compiled information to Mr. Smith so he can input into a database. As part of the project a list of categories of items at each location would be identified. The categories would include but not be limited to; parking lighting, boat ramp, seating, etc.

Reappointment: The Board of Selectman has requested to be notified if the current members wish to be reappointed. All members indicated they would like to stay on the committee and Mr. Smith indicated he would relay this information to the Board of Selectman

Launch Ramp: There was an update by Mr. Spinale to the committee on the status of the lease negotiations between Steamboat Wharf Marina and the Board of Selectman. The existing launch ramp adjacent to the pier is possibly going to be refurbished by the state through the Public Access Board. Nothing can be done with refurbishing the ramp until the town and Steamboat Wharf Marina agree upon a renegotiated lease. Steamboat is scheduled to meet with the Board of Selectman on July 25, 2006 regarding the lease.

New Business:

Public Access: Ms Chisholm presented the committee with a book detailing public access points from Salisbury to Hingham. The committee will be able to use this as a reference in preparing the Harbor Access Guide for Hull.

Excise Tax: It was advised to the committee that vessels under 16 feet are exempt from excise tax but not mooring fees. In the past the Harbormaster used to handle this process but now the tax collectors office is handling excise tax and as such mooring permits were not sent to owners of vessels under 16 feet. If no permit was sent then no fee was collected and this is causing lost revenue to the town. The Harbormaster would follow up with the tax collectors office.

Mooring Policy: Presently the town did not have a mooring policy or a move-in list as there hasn't been a need. In recent years there have been more and more moorings placed within town waters and

desired locations within the inner harbor at Allerton are no longer available. Discussion was had about creating a mooring policy and move-in list to add to the town by-laws. Also, the Ms. Chisholm added the by-laws should be added to the town's website.

Dredging at Steamboat Wharf: Apex, the company chosen to work as the consultant on the dredging project indicated they were still waiting for the town manager to sign and submit paperwork before they could begin. Mr. Spinale would follow up with the town manager.

Adjournment: Mr. Fleck made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Spinale. A unanimous vote was taken to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.