

**Town of Hull**  
**Hull Harbor Management Committee Minutes**  
**Approved**

October 9, 2006

The meeting of the Hull Harbor Management Committee (HHMC) was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2006 by Vice Chairman D. Ray.

**Attendance:**

Member	Present	Absent	Guests
Myron Smith, Chairman		X	Kurt Bornheim, Harbormaster
David Ray, Vice Chairman	X		
Sally Chisholm, Clerk	X		
Jay Fleck		X	
Peter Mahoney	X		
William McKeon		X	
Andrew Spinale	X		

**Agenda Items:**

- Old Business
  - Hull Yacht Club (HYC) Letter
  - Harbor Bylaws
  - Pemberton Pier Float
  - Mooring Field
  - Ramps
- New Business
  - Narrow Weir River Channel
  - Apex File Review
  - Water Dependant Uses at Steamboat Wharf Marina (SWM)

**Old Business:**

**HYC Letter:**

D. Ray presented a draft for a letter to be sent to the HYC as a formal request that HYC re-negotiate the club's lease with the Town of Hull so that the town can continue to pursue a new ramp at Marina's Park.

Motion to approve the letter as written by A. Spinale, seconded by P. Mahoney.

**Vote: Unanimous to accept the letter as written.**

**Harbor Bylaws:**

It was noted that an electronic file of the Harbor Bylaws was created and distributed to the members by S. Chisholm.

There was discussion on Chapter 111-4 Fees. K. Bornheim said that it was voted at TM to allow amendment of fees by the Selectman not by a vote at town meeting as specified in the bylaws. The committee decided that the amendment of the bylaws as they pertain to the newly defined mooring areas should be handled by the committee as a whole and including K. Bornheim because of his knowledge of the bylaws and changes that are not otherwise noted in the bylaws. Review and edit of 1/2 of the bylaws would be moved to New Business at the next meeting.

**Pemberton Pier Float:**

In anticipation of the upcoming expense of approximately \$125,000 to dry dock, wash, paint and repair the commuter float at Pemberton Pier (PP), discussion continued on the ownership of the float. All that can be found by the committee was a letter dated May 9th 2002 to the MBTA from P. Lemnios, TM regarding license transfer. K. Bornheim said the Chapter 91 license is in the town's name. He will bring a copy to the next meeting to determine whether the license stipulates maintenance.

The summary of the discussion was that there is a need to fight to obtain funding from somewhere.

Possible solutions discussed include:

K. Bornheim - a transportation grant that is available for new structures (not maintenance) with a due date of November 17th. Also stated that float maintenance was included in the 2002 HM budget for capital improvement.

D. Ray - Hull is one of the new gateways to the Island Federal Park. As a gateway, there may be a way to have the government fund the maintenance of the float.

K. Bornheim - question of a user fee giving as an example City Fuel who pumps approximately 60,000 gal. of fuel to the Salem Ferry with no financial benefit to the town. P. Mahoney disagreed stating that PP is a commercial dock that should have no exclusive use or user fees.

The commuter float and pier needs to be budgeted from the tax levy and not the Harbor Enterprise Fund, as it is a transportation service to the town.

#### **Mooring Field:**

The Mooring Field Subcommittee presented a chart with mooring areas A-L identified. The mooring areas included 630 moorings, 93 slips at SWM, 60 slips at Donahue's, 53 slips at Spinnaker Island totaling 836 current moorings. Consideration for parking was one determining factor in defining these areas. One area off Strawberry Hill to Bumpkin and east to Newport Road may be in conflict with a water skiing area designated in the Harbor Bylaws. The mooring field and bylaws will be further discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Ramps:**

K. Bornheim stated that the A Street ramp is collapsing and the town will no longer plow. A. Spinale said that the re-negotiating of SWM's lease has been done and should not hold up construction of a new ramp at Nantasket Pier (NP).

Questions that the HHMC cannot answer stated for the record include:

What is the status of redoing the ramp at NP?

What is the status of the fishing pier at James Ave?

#### **New Business:**

##### **Narrow Weir River Channel:**

K. Bornheim and A. Spinale discussed the possibility of narrowing the channel from present width of approximately 150' to 75" from Edgewater to Hampton, channel markers 7 - 11, for the purpose of increasing the mooring area on the Hull side. The width of the present channel was to accommodate the larger steamship ferries from days past. The Coast Guard does maintenance of the WR markers.

##### **Apex Review:**

K. Bornheim - Chris from Apex is scheduled for a file review on October 12, at 11 a.m. Town Manager has told K. Bornheim that he is to be the town representative.

##### **Water Dependant Uses at SWM:**

P. Mahoney made a motion that the HHMC write a letter to the BOS in support of the current proposal of SWM as it is in conformance with the Harbor Management Plan prepared by this committee in 1998. D. Ray seconded.

A. Spinale abstained from discussion and vote.

**Vote: 3 in favor (Ray, Chisholm and Mahoney), 1 abstain (Spinale).**

#### **Adjournment:**

P. Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., seconded by D. Ray.

**Vote: Unanimous to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Chisholm  
Clerk

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 23, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.