



**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING  
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
5:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 pm**

**2. ROLL CALL:** Mel Atherton, Jon Crossman, Mike Ryan, Art Paine & Scott Harper.  
George Lawson Jr. & Spencer Ervin absent  
Selectmen Dean Wass, Residents Stewart & Parker Murphy.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of October 31st, 2013  
Motion by Mel Atherton, to approve the minutes as amended, second by Art Paine  
**Vote 4 Yes Scott Harper abstaining**

**4. REVIEW HARBOR MASTER REQUEST TO CLARIFY THE FOLLOWING:  
A. FLOAT SIZE IN FEDERAL DREDGE AREAS**

Mike Ryan asked if this item was covered in the draft amendments? It is.

The Harbor Master asked if the floats are listed as being sized as "up to"?

The Harbor Master asked if floats of 6' X 36 could be allowed? Owned by 2 individuals?

Mel Atherton spoke about the size not being regulated outside of the FNP

Art Paine mentioned that the long floats would violate the ordinance.

The Federal Permit states that the floats are to be 24'

Scot Harper spoke in support of allowing one float the same size as 2 floats.

The difficulties of moving the floats was discussed.

Mike Ryan mentioned that the Federal Permit would need to be changed in order to have floats longer than 24'.

Jon Crossman spoke about the possible problems with different size floats being moored and moved and changed to different sized floats.

Selectmen Dean Wass spoke in favor of keeping the size restriction as is at 20'. And also questioned what would be considered a "new" float? New installed? New replacement?

Mel Atherton was in favor of staying within the current guidelines.

Mike Ryan quoted the current ordinance regarding float size.

Grand-fathering of floats in the FNP was discussed by several members.

The size of the floats recently installed was discussed.

Mike Ryan spoke about the size of lobster cars.

## **B. OWNERSHIP OF VESSELS ON MOORINGS**

Mike Ryan reviewed the portions of the ordinance concerning this topic.

Stewart Murphy was not in favor of allowing commercial entities acquiring moorings in the C pool.

Mr. Murphy explained the historic lines between the A & C pools.

Jon Crossman was concerned about corporations taking over the waiting list and the moorings.

The location of the various mooring pools was discussed.

Dean Wass spoke about the need for the ordinance to be more specific regarding Seal Cove.

Art Paine asked if the Committee was in favor of requiring moorings in the C pool to be issued only to a human person.

The Committee was generally in favor of this restriction.

The Harbor Master asked if a boat's master could have a mooring as a human person?

Mike Ryan expressed concerns with allowing masters of corporation boats acquiring moorings.

The Committee was generally in favor of retaining the "human person requirement".

The definition of transient floats was discussed.

The rental of the Town's floats was discussed.

## **C. PLACEMENT OF FLOATS OUTSIDE THE FEDERAL DREDGE AREA**

The Harbor Master has an application for a float in 1' of water outside the FNP and asked is this allowed?

The location is north of the dredge area between John's Island and the Stanley dock.

The Committee discussed the riparian rights of shore owners.

The Committee was generally supportive of the Harbor Master offering the place to all on the list and not issue a permit until the spring.

Mel Atherton wanted to see on a chart where the spot was before making a decision.

## **5. REVIEW DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO HARBOR & WHARF ORDINANCES**

Transient floats were discussed and the possible fees for such.

The Harbor Master spoke about what boaters pay for transient moorings in other harbors.

Stewart Murphy added that a guest mooring in NE Harbor is \$80.00

Mel Atherton was in favor of charging \$25.00.

The Harbor Master asked about charging larger boats more money.

The Town Manager mentioned that the Committee might consider allowing the Municipal Officers set the fee for transient floats and moorings.

Dean Wass spoke in favor of charging a larger fee for larger vessels.

Mike Ryan asked if the Town should limit the size of vessels using the transient floats?

Scott Harper was not in favor of restricting placement of traps in the FNP? It may not be legal.

Some young fishermen might be adversely affected.

The Town Manager was asked to check the law regarding the placement of fishing gear in the FNP

The Town Manager indicated that he was unable to find a requirement as to the ownership of the boat on the mooring.

Dean Wass expressed his concerns regarding the businesses that have floats changing the name of the ownership to a human person.

The Town Manager indicated that he has spoken to individuals that now have company moorings and he has recommended that they apply to change the ownership to of the permit to conform to the ordinance.

The mooring waiting list and the placement of new moorings was discussed.

Stewart Murphy spoke against allowing the business floats to change the names on their applications.

The Town Manager agreed with Dean Wass that decisions regarding business floats and taking them away will be very difficult and contentious.

**6. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Wharf & Harbor Financial Report

The Town manager commended Millard Billings, David Schlaefer & Greg for their very productive efforts in ensuring that all commercial users of the Town marine Facilities obtain permits.

Town Manager to check on Swans Island \$2000 payment?

The Committee would like to hold workshops concerning proposed ordinance changes.

**7. HARBOR MASTER REPORT**

Presented in writing.

Adding floats to the ramp area was discussed.

**8. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME IN LATE AND ARE FOR THE COMMITTEE'S INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN, UNLESS COMMITTEE REQUESTS IT BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.**

**Set date for next meeting:** January 23, 2014.

**9. ADJOURN:** Motion by Scott Harper, to adjourn, second by Mel Atherton

**Vote 5 Yes 0 No**

Carl Young, Town Manager  
By Direction of the Committee