

**TOWN OF TREMONT
PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA
REGULAR HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING
TREMONT TOWN OFFICE
MEETING ROOM
THURSDAY AUGUST 29th, 2013
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:04 PM

2. ROLL CALL: Chairman Jon Crossman, Mel Atherton, Scott Harper, George Lawson Jr., Art Paine, Mike Ryan, Spencer Ervin & Harbor Master Greg Dow.
Members of the public: Kevin & Margery Buck, Selectmen Dean Wass.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of July 25th, 2013, Mel and Mike Spencer abstaining

4. REVIEW OF OVERNIGHT PARKING REGULATIONS FOR BERNARD WHARF AREA:

The Town Manager explained the lack of regulations concerning overnight parking at the Bernard Wharf and indicated that the Selectmen have scheduled a public hearing for the 9th of September.

The Harbor Master explained the current parking conditions at the wharf.

Mr. Harper spoke in favor of no overnight parking.

The Committee discussed the probable parking changes or regulations.

Mr. Paine indicated that some residents do not like the noise of the commercial trucks parking overnight.

Mr. Ryan stated the possibility prohibiting overnight parking except by permission of the Harbor Master.

Mr. Atherton spoke in favor parking fees.

There was much discussion about commercial parking adjacent to the school.

Mr. Ryan spoke about parking restrictions for vehicles over 20ft.

Motion by Mr. Ryan“recommend to the Selectmen that from the intersection if Rice Road at the Bernard Wharf Facility no parking of vehicles over 20 feet and no overnight parking without permission of the Harbor Master”

Second by Mr. Atherton. **Vote 7 Yes 0 No**

5. CLARIFICATION OF WHARF & FACILITIES ORDINANCE SECTION 103 CAP OF 75% RESIDENT & 25% NON-RESIDENT:

The Harbor Master asked if the Harbor Ordinance is indicating all boat and punts are used to figure the % or just fishing boats.

The Harbor Master said the fisherman he questioned indicated that the punts were not to be counted in the%.

The question of a resident moving out of town and loosing his permit was discussed.

Mr. Harper spoke about the policies in place in neighboring towns.

The Town Manager asked for clarification of the punt vs. boat question.

The Committee clarified that the punts do not count in the %.

6. REVIEW CHANGE OF USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE NEWLY PURCHASED CLOSSON LOT, CHANGING THE USE FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL FISHERIES:

The Town Manager explained the need for the permit and that the Planning Board approved the change on the 27th.

7. REVIEW MOORING WAITING LIST PROCEDURES:

Mr. Ryan spoke about how pleased people are with the Harbor Master's efforts.

He does not feel that the list is being made and administered as per the Ordinance.

There was discussion concerning who is called when a mooring is open.

The Harbor Master indicated that he has found old applications and separate lists for each area.

Mr. Ryan asked that the Corps of Engineers be questioned regarding that moorings.

The Town Manager indicated that the mooring list now in use was the same basic list in use when the Harbor Master was hired.

8. TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

Financial Report presented in writing

The Town Manager also spoke of how pleased he and those utilizing the harbor are with the efforts of the new Harbor Master.

9. HARBOR MASTER REPORT:

Presented orally and in writing.

Mr. Ryan asked about efforts to clear the channel and repairing or replacing the lights and electronics on the Harbor Master boat.

10. 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:

Mr. Wass asked if the Committee had plans to charge for use of the transient floats.

The Committee was agreeable to this idea.

Mr. Ryan asked if there have been any commercial boats at the transient floats.

The Harbor Master has not seen any boats other than fishing or pleasure.

Mr. Wass indicated that boat yards should not be using the transient floats.

Mr. Ryan spoke for Eric Strauss that he is having trouble using the new floats to load & unload.

The Harbor Master stated that he is getting less complaints about the new floats as time goes by.

There was discussion about the need to permit and collect for the various moorings in other coves around Town.

11. ADJOURN: 7:15 PM

By The Direction of the Committee & Harbor Master
Carl R. Young, Town Manager