

Town of Tisbury  
Harbor Management Committee  
Meeting 5/16/2018

Committee Members Present: Jerry Goodale, Michael Baptist, Jeff Canha and Matt Hobart

Others Present: Lynne Fraker, Nat Benjamin, Robert Douglas, Jay Grande, John Crocker, Gene DeCosta, Steve Scanlon, Melinda Loberg, Rick Waldren.

Meeting Commenced at 5:08PM

First item, after comment and discussion was to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written.

Next was to discuss Owen Park parking. There are no 24 hour parking stickers being issued for Owen Park and various members were unaware. Members were informed that the chair of current traffic committee will be taking up the issue at a future meeting. There was further discussion and it was recommended that the Harbor Master act as official agent for the Harbor Management Committee to bring the issue to the Traffic Committee at their next meeting (June 6, 2018) and in addition to write a brief letter to the selectmen asking them to maintain the 24 hour parking slots at Owen Park. There was a motion which was seconded and all voted in agreement unanimously.

Followed was an update the Tashmoo Landing. It was reported that the project is now complete with the exception of the replacing the existing Dinghy Docks which will be completed by end of June. There was further discussion regarding a request from Lynn that there be participation from the public in putting back the finishing touches. The Landing will be addressed at the next Traffic Committee Meeting and will ask for recommendations which may come back to either the Planning Board and/or the Harbor Management Committee.

The meeting continued with the Tashmoo dredge update. John Crocker gave a brief overview of the seriousness of the issue and explained that the depth at low water is approximately 31/2ft. Permission was received to dredge for 3 days with a plan to clear at least 2000 yds. Requests for bids have started with a bid closing on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Lynn Fraker gave a brief presentation using latest google maps explaining where the major issues are. It is anticipated that the bid will come in at over \$50,000 but exactly how much it will cost will not be known until the bid opening. All full dredge is expected to be done in the Fall.

Discussions continued regarding Vineyard Marine commercial moorings. Jeff Canha informed the Board that he is a tenant of Vineyard Marine, but would like to deliberate in the discussion but would recuse/abstain himself if there was a vote. Gene DeCosta enquired as to the status of the moorings as he thought that some of them were past due inspection. There was discussion regarding whether payments to the town have

been made. It was assured that the bills to the town will be paid if they are outstanding. The subject of Commercial Moorings will be placed on the agenda at a later date.

Discussions took place regarding mooring inspections. John Crocker reported that over the last week of the 7 moorings inspected a considerable number of the blocks were bad. He will anticipate inspecting 29 more. It is not in the budget. The plan is to go before the Finance Committee and ask for a reserve funds transfer and then it will go before the Town Selectmen. Lynn Fraker expressed concerns regarding some of the moorings and asked that the Harbormaster not put vessels on them until they have been inspected. It was also asked that as part of the bid when it goes out that the balls can be painted, cleaned and numbered. The request from the Finance Committee will be approximately \$30,000.

There was a discussion regarding the plan to place additional moorings in the outer harbor. It was understood that funds were appropriated for that purpose and cannot be used of any other purpose. The new moorings would be for transient use only. It was suggested that they not be put in until all the outstanding inspections of the other moorings were completed.

A committee member asked if there was anything that the Committee can do to move along the process with respect to the mooring inspections. There was a motion which was seconded to support the request to the Finance Committee and Selectmen for a reserve funds transfer for the completion of the mooring inspections of the Tisbury Inner Harbor.

Next discussed was adding a five minute public comment period at the end of every meeting. There was a motion which was seconded and all were in favor.

Lyn Fraker brought forward a proposal for a Cora Medeiros Memorial Bench and book exchange to be located at the Tashmoo Landing.

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:15 pm (all were in favor.)

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