

Harbor Management Meeting March 15 2017

Those present: Jim Lobdell, Jerry Goodale, Michael Jampel, Matt Hobart, Lyne Fracker, Ray Gale, Gene DeCosta, John Crocker

Meeting commenced at 5PM

Began with approval of the minutes from the February 16 meeting were approved

Next was a review of anchoring charts given by the selectmen concerning eel grass in Tashmoo and the lagoon. Lyne Fracker, raised the point of how little anchoring is now available in Tashmoo. Ray Gale, then claimed that where the Selectmen have designated as eel grass is incorrect. John Crocker is prepared to set no anchoring buoys based on the selectmen's map.

Next was subcommittee on conservation moorings. Michael Jampel presented the specs drawn up by Bill Austen. Still trying to decide whether to have the elastic on the bottom line or the top line, or possibly have a regulation for either type. Jim Lobdell, do we have a rating for these mooring? No definitive answer... John Crocker, there's been talk about having the manufacture certify their product. MJ They refuse to certify. LF raised the point that many of the conservation moorings that have "survived Hurricane" are usually on Helix. Can we get enough scope of the conservation mooring without a Helix? With concrete blocks we need to keep the rubber band off the block to protect from chaff. The Subcommittee should have their recommendations finished within a month or two.....

Motion was approved to place a moratorium on all new elastic or environmental moorings until such time as the Selectmen can adopt the new standards put forward by the Sub-committee.

Harbor department warrant articles, John Crocker, substantial reduction to the article asking for 880,000 to \$275,000 because of funds from the Seaport Economic Council. JC, push back from the community for the warrant article about new transient mooring field along causeway. He has re written it to say "approximately 20 mooring with the understanding that space will be left for the anchoring of up to 10 vessels." JC his plan was to remove the elastic mooring from the inner harbor and use them on the new transient moorings. Gene, strongly objected! 5,000 for no anchoring buoys, 7,000 for abandoned vessel, 70,000 for dredging.

Discussion of how to deal with surrender moorings. Of the towns 58 moorings most all are under lease, therefore there are no specific transient moorings. JC has approval for the mooring software package to deal with reservations, billings,..... Discussion moved into "how to reclaim town moorings from lease holders." Very touchy situation. JL we need to go after unused mooring. JC in Tashmoo we (the town) issue summer leases to the un-used moorings in Tashmoo. Ray Gale, strongly objects to the town's

leasing un-used mooring in Tashmoo rather than passing them to people on the list. JC The town leases about 15 summer moorings in Tashmoo and makes decent income. Lots of controversy around this issue JC. We are going to use Mooring Info software at a cost of \$7000 to track all the moorings ie, leases, rental, vessel of record, payment.

Back to the original question of "How do we take possession of a number inner harbor mooring to be used specifically for transient only!" Matt Hobart. would prefer to free up mooring behind the break water rather than put in a new transient mooring field. JL lets look at what boats are never being used year after year. JC But what about the people on the lists who have been waiting for a mooring. LF we need to make sure that people with leases are on their 'primary mooring' ie the town they pay excise tax in. MJ & JC do we suspend the waitlist until the town reaches a desired number of transient mooring? JL In the past Harbor Master 'Donald' reserved the inner harbor for deep water vessels, no power boats. We could try an approach like that. JC will explore the thought of suspending the wait lists until? MH maybe when a privately held mooring comes up it should become town property. We could work with the selectmen to draw up a new set of regulations and then have every lease holder reapply and if they don't meet those regulations not issue them a lease. Regulations such as, insurance, regular boat maintenance ext. JL Why don't we all think about this and put down on paper what we think should be a requirement of holding a lease, boat to be used, maintain, insured, operational. Also we need to review the moorings that are 'commercial' to make sure they are 'enhancing the business' of the mooring holders.

Discussion on requiring insurance, liability and environment damage as a minimum. All mooring private and commercial? Will the same rules apply to Tashmoo as well as the Harbor? The commercial lobstermen do not have insurance on their boats.... how do we deal with that? Two different standards? A waiver for commercial fishermen?

JC recaps: Going to give thought to how the town can gain control over more of the mooring in the harbor, by purchasing any private moorings that are surrendered.

Meeting adjourned at 614 PM