

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5:30pm
Meeting held remotely via Zoom platform

In Attendance: Jeff Canha, John Packer, Greg Martino, Paul Munafo, Michael Baptiste, Matt Hobart, Roger Moffat

Also Present: John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Kim Elias, Peter Strom, Barbara Kapans, Bev Potssaid, Mac Schilcher, Jeff Kristal, Lynn Fracker.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Public Comment: Lynn Fracker commented on the Committee as an important recourse and encouraged continued engagement and working with the Chair to bring important agenda items to the Committee.

Minutes: Paul Munafo made a motion and John Packer seconded to approve the minutes of **1/14/2021** (5-0 abstain)

- 2) **Chair Opened up meeting for Discussion Items:**

Harbor Use Permit: Greg Martino has made an application for Harbor Use to the Owen Park Pier for pick up and drop of point for his Oyster Farm Tours. After discussion Matt Hobart made a motion and Paul Munafo seconded to recommend to the Select Board to approve the Harbor Use Permit with any conditions set by the Select Board **(Approved 6-1 abstain)**

Waterways Regulations: Matt Hobart gave a presentation of an overview of the recommended changes to the Waterways Committee explaining the previous committees work involved in the recommended changes and the reasons for the changes. The purpose was to bring those committee members who had not served prior some clarification and understanding regarding the changes. Matt went over the changes that were included in Phase 1 of the discussions. Further discussion included Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Waterways Regulations Phase 2: Jeff Canha presented Phase 2 to the Waterways Committee and explained that there will be further in-depth discussion with respect to Phase 3 including House Boats and Liveaboards. During discussion it was suggested to keep the recommended changes moving forward that the committee meet on a bi-weekly basis keeping the Waterways Regulations as the only agenda item. John Packer made a motion and Roger Moffat seconded for the Waterways Committee meet on February 25, 2021 at 5:30 pm to discuss Phase 1 and Phase 2 if time permits. **(Approved 7-0)**

Shellfish/Water Quality 10 Year Historical Report: Danielle Equard made a presentation regarding the history and water quality of the Waterways over the past ten years. She talked about seeding projects and the number of seed planted for growing and the work done in partnership with the Shellfish Group. She also gave a history showing the number of shellfish permits issued in 1953 vs 2020. She explained how water quality was conducted by the Division of Marine Fisheries and the types of testing done for water pollutants. She described the five classification statuses in Massachusetts and indicated those areas on the Tisbury Shellfish Classification map. Danielle will forward the presentation to Committee Members and post it on the Shellfish web page.

Harbormaster and Shellfish Departments possible Lake Tashmoo Eel Grass Study. John Crocker explained that both departments were looking doing a joint eel grass study in Lake Tashmoo. The last study was conducted in 2013 by the state and it was felt somewhat outdated. There was discussion and the Committee asked the they be provided with a map of where the potential dive sites will be located. After further discussion John Packer made a motion and Greg Martino seconded to table the subject until the next Waterways Committee in March. **Approved (4-0)**

Future Meetings: Waterways Committee February 25, 2021
Waterways Committee March 11, 2021

Future Agenda Items: Recommended changes to Shellfish Regulations
Eel Grass Study Lake Tashmoo

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