

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 5:00pm

In Attendance: John Packer, Matt Hobart, Roger Moffat, Jeff Canha, Michael Baptiste and, Greg Martino
(via zoom.)

Also Present: John Crocker, Kim Elias, Danielle Ewart, Mac Schilcher, Roy Cutrer, Beverly Potstad, John Zanbar, Bob Landreth, Noah Mayrand, Melinda Loberg and Janet Packer, Jorga Darby and Hajar Sanneborn.

- 1) **Call to Order 05:05pm:** Matt Hobart called the meeting to order.
- 2) **Public Comment:** Mac Schilcher expressed his concerns regarding the acidic mud in Lake Tashmoo and felt that something had to happen quickly. He suggested reaching out to the EPA and DMF to conduct another eel grass study. Lynn Fraker asked for someone from the committee to be part of the working group for the Tashmoo Dinghy Dock Project
- 3) **Lake Tashmoo:** No anchoring, dormant studded barges, and guest moorings: Matt Hobart opened the discussion by stating that the Select Board had put a moratorium of no anchoring in Tashmoo but left it open to the committee to come up with some solutions. John Crocker felt that a decision should be made to install some moorings and come up with a recommendation to allow small vessels where there was some anchoring in an area with the caveat of only if they were actively shell fishing. John Crocker suggested installing four conservation moorings in the Northern Pines area and in Drews Cove where there is no eel grass. The moorings would be guest moorings for day use only. He suggested running a trial basis this summer. He stated that to charge for the use, it would require an Army Corp Permit. With respect to pump-out, as the Tashmoo Pump-out boat is no longer serviceable he would be running a pump out service one day a week. There was lengthy discussion regarding installing environmental or conventional concrete blocks. In addition, John Crocker suggested making studded barges exempt from the no anchoring moratorium and to allow a small area for anchoring for shellfishers who are actively shell fishing. There was a motion made to recommend to the Select Board to install six moorings in Drews cove area and 6 six moorings in northern pines section. There was also a motion to determine a designated area for town residents only to anchor up to 22ft. There was further discussion regarding enforcement. The motions were rescinded. The following recommendations were made as follows:

Jeff Canha made a motion and John Packer seconded the motion to recommend to the Select Board to allow the Harbormaster to place up to six moorings in Drews Cove for overnight use and up to six moorings in the Northern Pines area for day use only be reservation

(Voted 6-0)

Jeff Canha made a motion and Roger Moffat seconded the motion to recommend to the Select Board that “All approved mooring inspectors with barges will be exempt from the anchoring moratorium and shall use a mooring when needed”
(Voted 5-1)

Jeff Canha made a motion and John Packer seconded the motion recommend to the Select Board to direct the “Harbormaster to designate an area in the Northern Pines flat for residential anchorage use only”
(Voted 6-0)

4) Tisbury Waterways Regulations: Matt Hobart opened the stating that they were reviewing the recommended changes version sent back to the committee by the town attorney. He went through the language that has been amended and marked in red on the draft. He said he would open for comments once they addressed chapter one. John Crocker read out a definition of non-water dependent business and non-water dependent vessel, the language that had already been approved. Houseboat definition was also read out. Matt Hobart continued to read through changes section by section to chapter one and were discussed at length. Matt Hobart asked members of the public to make comments including Bob Landreth, Lynne Fraker and Mac Schilcher. He also encouraged interested parties to attend the Select Board Meeting where they will also be allowed to comment. **Jeff Canha made and motion and John Packer to recommend to the Select Board to approve the recommended changes to Chapter 1 of the Waterways Regulations as amended.**
(Voted 6-0)

A copy of the draft Tisbury Waterways Regulations (as amended on 5-11-2023), showing the recommended changes to Chapter 1. will accompany the recommendation.

06:50 Jeff Canha made a motion and John Packer seconded to Adjourn **(Voted 6-0)**

Documents:

Letters and emails received regarding recommended changes to Waterways Regulations

Draft recommended changes to waterways regulations

