

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 5:30pm
Meeting held remotely via Zoom platform

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

Also Present: John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Kim Elias, Lynne Fracker, Will White, Bob Landreth, Ann Fay Lawton, Mac Schilcher, Jean Lewelly, Barbara Coppins, Melinda Loberg, Mitch Pachico, Noah Mayrand.

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

Public Comment: None

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

Waterways Regulations – Phase 1. Jeff Canha opened the meeting by explaining that the meeting was to discuss Phase 1 of the recommended changes of the waterways regulations sections 1 through 7 but not section 8 which covered houseboats, live a board and floating workshops. He also stated that section 13, Moorings may also be discussed. Referring to the two prior distributed edited versions. He suggested following the unmarked-up version may be easier to follow and refer to the marked-up version if needed.

Chair opened for questions. There was in depth discussion regarding the recommended changes and the following final edits were recommended:

Section 1. INTENT, DEFINITIONS: To include additional definition of ***“Active Vessel: At the Harbormaster’s request all vessels shall be required to leave its mooring and transit the body of water in which it is moored and return to its mooring to prove the vessel is operable under its own power.”*** Lynn Fracker will make the appropriate amendment in the draft word document for discussion at next Waterways Committee meeting.

Section III Sanitation Devices. Item 2. Kim Elias will make additional wording and bring to the next Waterways Committee meeting for discussion, edits and approval:

“All vessels in Tisbury Waterways that are at anchor or mooring or on a pier shall comply with USCG marine approved sanitation device (MSD) standards and that it functions when pump outs are not available if vessel is moored or anchored or on a pier overnight with persons on board”

Section V. Speed Limits: There was discussion, but no vote to add “Lagoon Pond and Tashmoo”

Section VI. Water Sports: Discussion but no vote, Add “*Kite Board*” to Section 1.
Remove “*navigation area*” to section 1

IX. Vessels at Anchor: There was discussion and Paul Munafo made a motion and Roger Moffatt seconded all were in favor to recommend to the Select Board to:

Remove: “Winter Storage.

Winter dingy storage on Town Beaches is prohibited.

1. Winter Storage on a mooring only with the Harbormaster’s

Permission. “(this is stated elsewhere in regs) **(Approved 6-0)**

Lake Street Landing Pier Regulations Section 8 Fuel and Sale of Fuel at Lake Street: As items b, c, d and e were new proposed items, after discussion it was felt that it should be discussed at the next Waterways Committee Meeting. Lynne Fracker will send Waterways Committee additional language review.

IX. Vessels at Anchor: After discussion regarding rafting of vessels and although previously approved by the Town Select Board in 2001, Paul Munafo made a motion, Roger Moffatt seconded to recommend to the Select Board to:

“Rafting of more than 3 vessels in any of the Tisbury Waterways is prohibited.” (Approved 6-0)

XI. Town Piers. There was discussion and Paul Munafo made a motion, Greg Martino seconded, and all were in favor to recommend to the Select Board to:

Amend Item G Commercial Activities to “Commercial Activities on Town Piers.”

Amend item 5 from Permitting Process to “Permitting Process Commercial Activity on Town Piers.”

Amend item 6 Violation to “Violations of Commercial Activity on Town Piers.”
(Approved 5-0)

There was also discussion regarding **Owen Park Pier Regulations** and to include **“without the permissions of the Harbor Master”** (at end of sentence – need vote)

Discussions continued and the recommended changes to the Waterways Regulations will be on the next Waterways Committee Agenda for a brief discussion relating to new suggested

amendments and then voted for the completion of Phase 1. Changes will be made to the hierarchical headings to avoid any miscues and make the document more navigable.

Paul Munafo made a motion to adjourn and Greg Martino seconded to adjourn.

Future Meetings: Waterways Committee March 11, 2021

Future Agenda Items: Recommended changes to Waterways Regulations – Brief discussion regarding Intent Definition for Active and Inactive Vessel and brief discussion on Sanitation language change.

Vote – Phase 1

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