

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:30pm
Meeting held remotely via Zoom platform

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

Also Present: John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Kim Elias, Lynne Fracker, Bob Landreth, Bev Potsaid, Anna
Barbara Kopans, Heidi Raihofer, Jeff Kristal, Melina Logberg, Ray Gale, and Chris Scott.

- 1) Call to Order:** Jeff Canha opened the meeting.

Public Comment: Bev Potsaid asked that the Committee consider having a discussion at their next meeting regarding the impact on the Town and its waterways this summer with the moratorium placed on Cape Pogue as a no anchoring area. Paul Manufo sent email he had received regarding kite surfers in Tashmoo and Lagoon from Nelson Sigelman. Jeff Canha pointed out that kite surfing has been addressed in the proposed recommended changes.

- 2) Minutes:** Paul Manufo made a motion and Matt Hobart seconded to approve the minutes 3/25/2021 **(Approved 6-0)**

- 3) Commercial Mooring Request submitted by Michael Baptiste.** (Michael Baptiste abstained as a committee member) Mr. Baptiste gave a presentation on behalf of Tashmoo Boat Yard who have requested the addition of two new mooring. He explained that they currently have 8 moorings and were looking to increase the number to 10. The purpose to was accommodate his customers in anticipation of a busy boating season. He explained that the two new moorings will be for seasonal rentals. Jeff Canha contacted DMF Shellfish Division who did not think there were any problems. He also contacted various waterfront business who did not seem to have any issues. John Packer expressed that it was not unreasonable to allow for growth of the business. Lynne Fracker asked he think about making a contribution to the Town of the use of Pump Out facilities.

Greg Martino made a motion and Matt Hobart seconded recommend to the Select Board the Tashmoo Boat Yard request to install two install two commercial moorings in Lake Tashmoo.
(Voted 6-1 abstain)

- 4) Develop criteria for Approved Mooring Contractors/Inspectors:** John Crocker asked the subject to be on the agenda so that there could be a preliminary general discussion before addressing the subject with respect to any recommended changes to the Waterways Regulations. One concern was regarding liability to the Town for town approved mooring inspectors. He opened

the up discussion for any thoughts or suggestions. He also asked for thoughts and suggestions regarding criteria. The language regarding installers and inspectors is listed under Alternative Moorings in the current regulations. However, it was pointed out that there was a previously approved change to the regulations adopted by the Select Board in 2007 regarding criteria. The language is not in the current regulations, although, at one time it was posted on the Harbormaster webpage but subsequently was removed. A copy of the language was emailed to the committee members for their review. Matt Hobart was not aware of any historical issues. Jeff Canha suggested that it was not uncommon for these instances to arise where previously Select Board approved regulations never actually made it "paper".

There was further discussion regarding the requirement of a hoisters license. John Crocker will check with Town Counsel if it would be necessary. It was suggested that more research be done to determine the requirements for a hoisting license for inspectors and installers.

Matt Hobart opened discussion separating definitions of Inspector and an Installer with separate guidelines/regulations and whether the individuals must carry the same insurance requirements. Also discussed was the timeliness of providing mooring inspection forms to the Harbormaster. Heidi Raihofer explained her process as a diver /inspector to inspect moorings and how the inspections forms are provided in a timely manner. Lynne Fracker also did the same. The Town sends mooring inspection reminder letters but there continues to be a number of moorings that have not been inspected. Harbormaster will give some thought to taking moorings away from holders if moorings are not inspected within the set period and Committee will consider suggested penalties regarding long overdue inspections. Harbormaster's office will be happy to provide dates for due inspections reports to mooring inspectors. It was also suggested that Inspectors calendarize their moorings for due dates. This subject will be continued for further discussion.

- 5) Issues and suggested solution to reduce number of dinghies on town beaches:** John Crocker was looking for some input and ideas of how to manage the number of dinghies that are landed and stored on town beaches. The main area of solution is Owen Park. After discussion it was suggested that designating specific areas on the beaches with clear signage would help restrict locations and in addition to looking at an increase in the fee for storage. At least 30 dinghies thought to be abandoned were removed by the Natural Resource Department last winter and are currently stored at a secure town location. The plan is to keep them for at least twelve months and then follow the state regulations for proper disposition for abandoned property. Also suggested was issuing the annual kayak/dinghy stickers in different color every year.

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

(Voted 7-0)

Next Waterways Committee Meeting: April 22, 2021 at 5:30pm
May 13, 2021 at 5:30pm