

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 5:30pm
Meeting held remotely via Zoom platform

In Attendance: Jeff Canha, Roger Moffat, Michael Baptiste, Greg Martino, Matt Hobart

Also Present: John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Kim Elias, Lynne Fracker, Bob Landreth, Bev Potsaid, Anna Barbara Kopans, Jeff Krista, Todd Alexander and Misha Stromwasser.

1) Call to Order: Jeff Canha as Chair.

Public Comment: None.

2) Minutes: Roger Moffat made a motion and Matt Hobart seconded to approve the minutes 4/8/2021 **(Approved 5-0)**

3) Harbor Use Permit Application: Mr. Stromwasser gave a presentation on behalf of Island Water Taxi who have requested a Harbor Use Permit. He explained that they are currently seeking a permit for the purposes of offering an alternative to ground transportation between the three down island towns with daily schedules in the Spring and Summer months. He is also seeking similar permits from Edgartown and Oak Bluffs.

After discussion Greg Martino made a motion and Matt Hobart seconded to recommend to the Select Board that they approve the Harbor Use Permit Application. **(Voted 5-0)**

4) Waterways Regulations – continued discussion: Discussion continued with recommended changes to the Waterways Regulations. Clarification was needed regarding CMR 3.10 and was requested to hold off on any recommended change until clarity was received from the ACOE and possibly input from Town Council.

The definition of Aquaculture Mooring was discussed. Previous suggested language “Aquaculture leases will be provided two moorings subject to approval of the Harbormaster” will be placed in the Mooring Section of the regulations.

Greg Martino made a motion and Roger Moffat seconded to recommend the following definition for Aquaculture Mooring as “An assigned mooring for the sole purpose to aid the mooring holder in the business of Aquaculture farming.” **(Voted 4-1 abstain)**

Matt Hobart made a motion and Greg Martino seconded as follows:

Application for Mooring Permits (New category)

Remove current language in a. and replace with:

“a. Mooring permits are for vessels that are habitually moored or principally situated in Town of Tisbury Waterways. Proof of payment of vessel excise tax must be provided annually. Nonpayment of excise tax may result in loss of assigned moorings. Hurricane moorings may be an exception and addressed individually by the Harbormaster.”

(Voted 5-0)

Matt Hobart made a motion and Roger Moffat seconded as follows:

Application for Mooring Permits

Change Language as follows:

“b. ~~Applications for Mooring Permits:~~ Individuals or businesses or Commercial Fishermen desiring a mooring in the Town of Tisbury must file a written application with the Harbormaster, along with a one-time, nonrefundable application fee of \$25.00 for each list on which the applicant wishes to be placed, i.e. Inner Harbor, Outer Harbor, Lagoon or Tashmoo.”

(Voted 5-0)

Matt Hobart made a motion and Roger Moffat seconded to new para under Application for Mooring Permits as follows:

“g. Newly assigned permit holders are required to provide proof of ownership of vessel within one year of mooring assignment.”

(Voted 5-0)

Matt Hobart made a motion and Roger Moffat seconded to move existing XIV language to new category as follows:

Waiting Lists

1. The Harbormaster shall maintain a waiting list by specific harbor for private space (Private Mooring Waiting List), commercial mooring space (Commercial Mooring Waiting List, Commercial Raft Waiting List) and Town-maintained rental moorings (Rental Mooring Waiting List), and each list shall be updated at least annually.

Remove Item 6 under Application for mooring permits and move to Section X with no changes in language.

2. Paragraph remains same except for removing reference to “in Paragraph 6”.

(Voted 5-0)

Greg Martino made a motion and Roger Moffat seconded to change item 4 under new section of Waiting lists to read as follows:

“4. The applicant so bypassed shall retain his or her place on the waiting list. An application who refuses a mooring offered by the Harbormaster or who does not notify the Harbormaster of his/her refusal or acceptance of said permit and pay the fee therefor within thirty days after notice being issued by the Harbormaster shall forfeit his/her permit, ~~and be dropped from the waiting list.~~”

(Voted 4-1 abstain)

Roger Moffat made a motion and Jeff Canha seconded to adjourn.

(Voted 5-0)

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