

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

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

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

Also Present: John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Kim Elias, Lynne Fracker, Bob Landreth, (additional 12 members of public attended).

- 1) **Call to Order:** After roll call of committee members to establish a quorum the meeting was called to order at 5:37pm. Matt Hobart, as vice-chair opened the meeting. Jeff Canha joined meeting shortly after approval of minutes.

Public Comment: Lynne Fracker requested that the New Patrol Boat and Owen Park Improvement Plan in particular Phase 3 be added as future agenda items.

- 2) **Minutes:** John Packer made a motion and Greg Martino seconded to approve the minutes 2/11/2021 **(Approved 5-1 abstain)** and the minutes of 2/25/2021 **(Approved 6-0)**

Waterways Regulations – Phase 1. Discussions resumed from the previous meeting on 2/25/2021 regarding Phase 1 of the recommended changes to the Waterways Regulations. Discussions included some proposed changes and revisions from Bob Landreth. The following recommended changes were as follows:

Paul Munafo made a motion and Jeff Canha seconded to recommended to the Select Board the recommended changes in the Waterways Regulations to read as follows:

1. Intent

It is determined to be in the best interest of the Town of Tisbury and its citizens. and it shall be required, that all vessels operating with in Vineyard Haven Harbor, Lagoon Pond and Lake Tashmoo shall be active vessels as defined below.

(Approved 7-0)

Matt Hobart made a motion and John Packer seconded to recommend to the Select Board the recommended changes in the Waterways Regulations to read as follows:

2. Definitions

Inoperable Vessel: An inoperable vessel is defined as a vessel who main source of propulsion is designed to be an engine, or any vessel whose main source of propulsion is designed to be a sail and which is incapable or being operated under its own power, and has been in such condition for more than 30 days.

(Approved 7-0)

Paul Munafo made a motion and John Packer seconded to recommend to the Select Board the recommended changes in the Waterways Regulations to read as follows:

2. Definitions

Active Vessel: An active vessel is a vessel that shall be able to transit a body of water under its main source of power as designed. **(Approved 7-0)**

John Packer made a motion and Paul Munafo seconded to recommend to the Select Board the recommended changes in the Waterways Regulations to read as follows:

2. Definitions

Berth: Any space wherein a vessel is confined by wetslip, float, mooring, or other type of docking facility. (310 CMR 90.2) **(Approved 7-0)**

Greg Martino made a motion and John Packer seconded to recommend to the Select Board the recommended changes in the Waterways Regulations to read as follows:

2. Definitions

MSD (Marine Sanitation Device) Type III: Typically, a holding tank where sewage is stored until it can be discharged shore-side or at sea (beyond three miles from shore) and must “be designed to prevent the overboard discharge of treated or untreated sewage or any waste derived from sewage.” (33CFR 159.53(c) (PFD)(2pp, 166K). **(Approved 7-0)**

Greg Martino made a motion and Paul Munafo seconded to recommend to the Select Board the recommended changes in the Waterways Regulations to read as follows:

2. Definitions

Defined as a minimum speed a vessel may be operated to maintain steerage way but no more than 4 miles per hour. **(Approved 7-0)**

Jeff Canha made a motion and Matt Hobart seconded for the Waterways Committee to meet on March 25, 2021 at 5:30 pm to resume discussion and vote on phase 1 or the recommended changes to the waterways regulations and to begin Phase 2. **(Approved 7-0)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Future Agenda Items:

- Qualifications for Approved Mooring Contractors/Inspectors
- Issues and suggested solutions to reduce number of dinghies on town beaches
- Map of areas to be surveyed for Eel grass in Lake Tashmoo
- 2021 Shellfish seed and propagation plans
- Patrol Boat
- Owen Park Improvement Plans

Next meeting: March 25, 2021

- Agenda Item: Waterways Regulations Phase 1 and Phase 2