

MINUTES TISBURY HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

February 16, 2017

Meeting Held at the Tisbury senior center.

Member from THMC Present: Jim Lobdel, Micheal Jampel, Matthew Hobart, John Packer, Micheal Baptiste
Harbor Department: John Crocker Harbormaster
Others Present: Lynne Fraker,

Meeting commenced at 5:33 PM

John Crocker started with the \$680,000 grant from the Seaport Economic Council to be used from repairs at Tashmoo landing, dock and bulkhead. The work is met to begin this October and be completed by the following January. John to meet with Jay Grady and Bill Auston to begin the bidding out the work.

Next order of business was Harbor Department Warrant Article

John Crocker has applied for:

\$7,000 for disposal of abandoned vessels

\$65,000 for 20+ transient moorings along causeway

\$5,000 for no wake buoys in Tashmoo

\$880,000 for the repairs or Tashmoo facilities and Owen Part Pier

Plan to keep \$200,000 for Owen park

Already have \$200,000 for Owen park and \$20,000 from Embarkation fund

Plan to start repair Owen Park Pier this fall as well as Tashmoo

\$70,000 for dredging in various locations, ie, Tashmoo bulkhead and entrance to Tashmoo channel. Also need to plan for continued dredging in the inner harbor.

John mentioned he already had \$70,000 for inner harbor dredging from the Embarkation fund

Then began a discussion of the 20 transit moorings proposed:

Micheal Jampel started by asking why \$65,000 for 20 moorings? J.C. Want to have enough so he does not need to ask for more, also us Helix Mooring which are expensive, also need to pay for research and survey work. Lynne then raised the objection of asking for the money while not yet having a plan and that the proposed mooring field would take over the last anchoring location in the harbor. John Packer, does the town want to go into the mooring rental business? Is it the right thing to do? JC with the current 18 leased mooring the town is short on transient moorings and losing about \$26,000 annually. JC also mentioned the push to make money from the harbor is coming from the Financial Committee. Comparison or Oak Bluffs harbor to Vineyard Haven Harbor. Jim Lobdel So how do we keep Vineyard Haven harbor accessible to the residents unlike Oak Bluffs? Do we want to turn Vineyard Haven into a Marina?

Lynne brought the discussion back to the 18 leased town Moorings asking who holds the leases, what is the period of the lease and can we just not renew them? JC Lessees are residents and non resident, period is April-November and no comment on letting them laps. Jim, Edgartown only does monthly lease so more turn over. LF proposes serious discussion of rethinking all town mooring leases. Town have 58 moorings most tied up in leases. JP Can there be more outer harbor moorings? JC There is a cap at 125

John Crocker had to leave.

Jim Lobdel, brought the discussion back to how should the town deal with the existing mooring and their leases. When an individual surrenders a mooring should it go to the town or to the next person on list? Much more simple if the town takes it. Harbor Department has trouble keeping private mooring holders to keep up on fees and inspections. LF maybe we should decide on the % of the towns 58 moorings that should be leased, privately held and transient. JL, if you do not own a boat you should not have a mooring. General conscious LF raises the if you don't use in 3 years you lose it, maybe that should be changed? JL also need to address the 30days a year rule. JP Back to what should happen when a private mooring is given up, go to town or to another private individual? What about the people who are on the waiting list for a mooring? Shouldn't they have some priority? JP raised the issue of lease holders using their mooring like a summer house here. Micheal Babtiste, With 58 moorings the town shouldn't have an income problem, clearing we need to do something about the leases. MJ What about lease holders having to present a certificate of insurance to hold a lease. Matt Hobart can we use the insurance issue as a way of breaking a lease? JL the leases are one year with out any guarantee that you will be given the lease next year. In the end the amount one pays to annually to maintain a mooring is about the same you would pay to lease one from the town. MJ The town is leasing out privately owned moorings in Tashmoo using moorings that people haven't used in years as sort of 'back pocket' moorings. This issue needs to be address and gotten above the books.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM