

Town of Tisbury
Harbor Management Committee
Tisbury Waterways and Harbor Planning Committee
Joint Meeting 6/20/2018

HMC Committee Members Present: Jerry Goodale, Jeff Robinson, James Tilton, Bekka EIDiery, Jeff Canha and Matt Hobart

WHPC Members Present: Tristan Israel, Roger Moffat, Philip Hale and Ben Robinson

Others Present: Lynne Fraker, Gene DaCosta, Jay Grande, Kim Baptiste, John Crocker

Meeting Commenced at 5:05PM

Tristan Israel gave a presentation to the Harbor Management Committee regarding recommendations for changes to the uses of the Tisbury Harbor and Waterways. He explained that a Moratorium was set in place while Tisbury Waterways and Harbor Planning Committee explored issues with the assistance of Consultants.

It was explained that the recommendations that were presented to the Harbor Management Committee if agreed would likely go before the Board of Selectman in September.

Israel went on to explain that the committee identified the following critical issues and have recommended actionable changes to the current regulations:

Live Aboards.

Houseboats.

Floating Workshops/Business.

Aquaculture. – This was recommended and approved. Town Counsel is currently reviewing the License Regulations and it is anticipated that will go before the Board of Selectmen in September for review and public hearing.

There was further discussion between both committees regarding the recommendations put forward.

Matt Hobart made the following motions to the Harbor Management Committee which was seconded :

To accept the statement regarding Houseboats definition as recommended by the Tisbury Waterways and Harbor Planning Committee.

House Boats:

Definition: A building constructed on a raft, barge or hull that is primarily for a single or multi-family habitation; if used for transportation this use is secondary.

As of XXXXXXXXXX(Date) no more houseboats will be allowed in the waters of the Inner Harbor.

All were in favor with one abstention (Jeff Canha)

To accept the recommended statement regarding Liveaboards.

The Town of Tisbury and its community have determined that its Waterways be used by active, registered or documented, commissioned vessels. The use of vessels in Tisbury Waterways as a permanent or long term abode is prohibited.

All were in favor.

To change the current vessel at anchor regulations from 3 days to 7 days provided the vessel is checked every 24 hours by the owner or by a Harbormaster approved agent..

All were in favor.

To accept the recommendation regarding Floating Workshops/Business with changes.

Definition: Floating Business are businesses that are water dependent in its use and requires direct access to the water to occur.

As of XXXXXXXXXX (Date), all floating businesses must submit an application for permit as stated below. Any businesses that are non-water dependent are prohibited. *All uses outlined in the DCPC regulations .03 Use of Channels, Moorings and Anchorages (c) and .08 Exemptions (b) Water- related Activities are excluded.*

- a) All applications for workshop or floating business must be a water dependent use to be considered.

Any person or business desiring a Tisbury Waterways Use Permit ("Permit") shall apply in writing to the Board of Selectmen who shall immediately transmit the application to

the Harbor Management Committee for a recommendation. In the case of Permits to operate ferry service, the application must specify with particularity the proposed schedule and the equipment to be used.

- b) The Harbor Management Committee shall make a recommendation within 91 days of transmittal.
- c) If the Committee fails to make a recommendation to the Selectmen on an application for a Harbor Use Permit within 91 days, the Selectmen will proceed without the recommendation by the Committee.
- d) The Board of Selectmen shall then hold a public hearing within 30 days of receipt of application to invite comment on the Permit application, and shall carefully consider the impact of the proposed use or activities in light of the purposes of this Section.
- e) If the Board of Selectmen determines that the proposed use or activity is consistent with the purpose of this regulation, the Permit shall be granted subject to such conditions and time limitations as the Selectmen in their discretion may grant, and such permit shall be valid for as long as the permitted use or activity is carried on by the Permit holder.

All were in favor.

To support the Aquaculture Licensing Regulations as presented.

The Harbor Management Committee informed the Tisbury Waterways and Harbor Planning Committee that they intend to meet one more time to discuss the recommendations presented and to discuss the definition of active vessel. They will also develop a preface letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the recommended changes.

Harbor Management will take up the definition of "Active Vessel" at their next meeting.

All were in favor.

There was no further business.

There was a motion to adjourn which was seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

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