Harbor Advisory Committee
Tuesday March 26th, 2019
6.30 pm Room 5

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 26TH, 2019

Members present: Carl Doane (Chair, CD), Philip Leahy (Secretary, PL), Dan Lane (DL), Chris Comb (CC), Ed Conway (EC), Dan Grey(DG), Steve Lauber(SL),

Members of the public: Bion Pike (HM), 4 other members of the public

Call to Order: 6:30pm

Documents presented: Agenda.

1. Approval of December 5th, 2018 Minutes.

Documents presented: Draft Minutes of December 5th, 2018

Motion to accept minutes of December 5th by EC. Second by CD. Motion passed.

2. Public Comment
The Chair reviewed the HAC sponsored public forum meeting of January 16th and the HM sponsored meeting of February 13th, 2019. The issue of Long Beach (aka Sand Doller Cove) has been discussed in detail with the public. The Chair asked for comments from the committee before proposing a motion based on the outcome of the public forum meetings. Some discussion took place on the installation of Eco-friendly transient moorings where eel grass exists adjacent to Ram island, so that, at low tide, visiting boats would have the option to tie up, instead of anchoring in eel grass. The impact to fishing in that area needs to be considered as well as further study as to the actual impact of anchoring in eel grass.

The following motion was presented by CD for recommendation to the BOS regarding Long Beach (Sand Doller Cove). Motion seconded by CC. Motion passed.

1. Do not restrict anchoring
2. Extend no-wake zone from Ram Island across the west end of area 7 mooring field to the shoreline at Harbor St.
3. Assign a police officer to the HM boat patrolling Sand Doller Cove on good weather weekend days.
3 Harbormaster Update

Documents presented: Harbormaster Update dated March 26th, 2019

3.1 Masconomo seawall
The work should be complete by mid April.

3.2 Reed Park
The floats are being constructed. Waiting for new (longer) ramp to be delivered from Florida. Project completion expected by memorial weekend. Dock fees to be discussed at the next HAC meeting.

3.3 Long Beach
Already discussed.

3.4 Bow & Stern moorings
Would like to have bow and stern moorings in area 3 (in front of Crocker’s boat yard) and Whittier Cove. This would alleviate congestion in the harbor.

3.5 Safe Boating Class
There will be a safe boating day at MYC on April 27th. There will also be safe boating classes held in the Town Hall on Friday April 26th and Saturday April 27th.

The kayak ramps were removed from White Beach after a complaint from the public. It was suggested that the public should voice their opinion if they wanted the ramps returned.

An honor box system will be used to collect boat ramp fees behind the town hall.

3. Next HAC meeting date
The next HAC meeting will be notified by the Chair.

4. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn EC. Second CC. Motion passed.

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Signed by Carl Doane
Chairman of Harbor Advisory Committee