

**TOWN OF BARRINGTON  
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday July11, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Brian Hunt (Chairman), Paul Dennis, Anne Chapin, Ben Chwalk, Jay Dwyer, Mike Reuter, Ed Schottland

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bill Dewitt

**EXCUSED:** Chip Hawkins, James Forster, Ray Sousa

Brian Hunt called to order 7:30 pm. Motion was made to accept the June 13, 2012 minutes by Anne Chapin and seconded by Mike Reuter, all accepted.

**1) Harbormasters Report:**

**a. Update on patrols:**

Brian Hunt reported in Ray Sousa's absence that harbor patrols have been going well to date with very few incidents.

**b. Request for Year of Grace- Mr. Visconti:**

Ray Sousa received a letter from Mr. Visconti requesting a waiver for his year of grace due to the sale of his boat after the March 15 deadline. The boat was not placed on the mooring this year. He indicated that although he would pursue the charter of a boat he would like the waiver. Ray Sousa has responded that precedent by Commission is to not grant waivers. After a detailed discussion, the members agreed to support Ray Sousa's decision and communication to Mr. Visconti. If Mr. Visconti would like to further pursue the waiver, he can request to meet with the Commission at its next meeting.

**2) Subcommittee Reports : No Reports**

**3) Chairman's Report:**

a. Brian reviewed a letter received from Fred Tripp of 58 Meadow Rd in which he expressed his concerns with the speed limit between the trestle to the ski area. He believes it should be lowered to 5 mph to reduce wave wash which is affecting his docked boat as well as potentially posing environmental damage and danger to kayakers. The members discussed the request in detail and agreed that the speed limit should not be changed. However, the commission will request that the harbor patrol monitor the area for the next month, noting the identified concerns, and report back at the next meeting.

**4) Next Agenda:** It was noted that Chip Hawkins was not at the meeting because he was attending a special meeting being held at the Yacht Club to review and discuss the recent unfortunate death of a racer during Tuesday night racing. The members discussed the incident in relation to the Harbor Patrol's capabilities and preparedness to assist in an

emergency. The members would like Chip to review the discussion at the Yacht Club and also have Ray Sousa review and discuss the harbor patrol's capabilities and procedures at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ben Chwalk, seconded by Anne Chapin was approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM

Compiled by Ed Schottland

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