

Town of Barrington Harbor Commission
Minutes of meeting November 14, 2012

Present: Brian Hunt, Chip Hawkins, Anne Chapin, Ben Chwalk, Jay Dwyer, Mike Reuter, Jim Forester, Ed Schottland, Paul Dennis

Also Present: Harbor Master Ray Souza, Bill Cost, Paul Blasbalg

1. Meeting called to order 7:36pm

2. Motion to approve minutes of October 10, 2012 meeting passed.

3. Harbormaster's Report- several moorings in the main harbor may be available for reassignment because boats are not likely to be on them for the 30 day minimum. Harbormaster boats were out of the water before Hurricane Sandy. A minimal amount of damage in Barrington waters due to storm.
The motor on the small patrol boat will be replaced over the winter.
Bridge lights not yet moved to center span but a crew is in the process of finishing up details.

4. Discussion of Paul Blasbalg's letter sent to the Town Council. Town Council has asked the commission to review issues raised in the letter and advise the council. Issues discussed included overcrowding in the main harbor, boats on moorings interfering with each other, adequacy of buffer zone around perimeter of mooring field and shore structures, and adequacy of the fairway through the middle of the harbor to the center span of the bridge.
General agreement that the fairway could be improved. Ray has plans to move at least two moorings that encroach on the fairway next season. Mooring Assignment sub-committee is aware of intention to open the fairway and avoid overcrowding when they make new mooring assignments. Appendix D of the harbor management plan shows a fairway in the harbor but does not specify a required width. Ray will check with CRMC to see if there are guidelines. Ray will update mooring chart presently being used to position moorings.
Brian will write a report for the Town Council based on this discussion and plans going forward to be reviewed at our next meeting..

5. Chairman's Report- Parks and Recreation discussed with Brian signage for public access to the water. The commission reviewed past attempts to define Rights of Way and discussed issues complicating public access including various types of Rights of Way in Barrington and legal challenges. Consensus of commission is that the Town Council would need to allocate funds for legal services to move this issue forward.

6. Brian requested agenda items for next meeting December 12, 2012.

7. Motion to adjourn by Chip, 2nd by Anne. Approved at 9:15pm.

Submitted by Paul Dennis

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