

**TOWN OF BARRINGTON
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday Feb 13, 2013**

PRESENT: Brian Hunt (Chairman), Chip Hawkins, Anne Chapin, Mike Reuter, James Forster,

ALSO PRESENT: Ray Sousa – Harbormaster, Anne Strong-Town Council Liaison,

ABSENT: Ed Schottland, Ben Chwalk, Paul Dennis, Jay Dwyer

Brian Hunt called to order 7:40 pm.

1) Approval of Minutes of January 9th

Motion was made by Chip Hawkins to accept the minutes of the Jan 9, 2013 meeting.

Motion was seconded by Mike Reuter

Motion passed unanimously by Brian Hunt , Chip Hawkins, Anne Chapin, Mike Reuter and James Forster.

2) Harbormasters Report:

a. Main Harbor Update:

Ray Sousa indicated that the lights on the Barrington Bridge have been moved and are now:-

In the correct location on the center span

Are fully operation and

Are lined up with the fairway.

Ray has spoken with the Coastguard and, they will move/relocate Nun #4 to a position at the corner of the channel. This location was outlined in earlier meetings and is part of the updated mooring field plan which was presented to the town council.

This relocation will occur in the spring 2013 - the March April timeframe.

Nun #4 recently shifted during the storm but is not causing any navigation issues.

Ray outlined plans to acquire additional red and green markers which will be used to mark the edges of the fairway. In addition Ray will examine the possibilities for “Day Markers” on the North and South sides of the bridge. If day markers are not possible he will look at the possibilities to use more buoys.

In addition Ray discussed plans to relocate a mooring/boat to a different position because the current location allows the large boat, currently assigned to that mooring, to encroach into the fairway during typical prevailing tide and wind conditions .

The changes to the mooring location and the addition of the buoys, to help clearly identify the fairway, are all steps to meet the long term goal of a clear fairway in the harbor.

b. Update on mooring renewals:

Ray Sousa indicated that the mooring renewal deadline is Feb 15th. About 60 moorings have not been renewed. This is not unusual and with the winter storm there is an unusual that some people have left the renewal until the last minute. Ray will provide a detailed update at the next meeting

3) Subcommittee Reports :

a. Mooring Assignment:

No Report.

4) Chairman's Report:

1) Volunteer Appreciation

Brian indicated that the Town Council is sponsoring a "Volunteer Appreciation" event and that all members of the committee are invited to attend. This is an opportunity for the Town to thank and recognize all the volunteers for their efforts time. Brian suggested that we make a note of the date so that we can attend and that we will have the chance to network with other members of committees etc. The information was in the agenda and is repeated here

***VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA***

2) Town Council Meeting March 4th

Brian explained that there will be an item on the next town meeting and recommended that members of the Harbor commission attend if time and other commitments allow. The next town council meeting will be:-

***Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm
in the Council Chambers in the Town Hall.***

The topic which will be reviewed by the council concerns private docks and public land along New Meadow Rd. There are some questions/confusion about ownership as a consequence of the building of New Meadow Rd in the 1950's and 1960's.

5) Adjourn Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Chip Hawkins.

The motion was seconded by Anne Chapin

Motion passed unanimously by Brian Hunt, Chip Hawkins, Anne Chapin, Mike Reuter and James Forster.

Chairman Brian Hunt adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05pm

