

Town of Barrington Harbor Commission  
Minutes of meeting Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Present: Brian Hunt (Chairmen), Chip Hawkins, Anne Chapin, Ed Schottland, Paul Dennis, Ben Chwalk, Jay Dwyer, Mike Reuter. Absent: James Forster (ex).

Also present: Ray Sousa-Harbormaster, Kevin Cute-CRMC, Emily Robinson-CRMC, Deb Sullivan-East Bay Rowing.

1. Brian Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Motion made to approve minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting by Chip Hawkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Reuter, Motion passed unanimously by Ed Schottland, Paul Dennis, Ben Chwalk, Jay Dwyer and Anne Chapin.

3. Harbormasters Report:

- Ray reported on Police Cove project and because of limited funds the proposed boat ramp and transient dock have been put on hold.
- Last weekend was the end of the patrol boats for the season.
- Of the moorings in the harbor, 6 have not met the 30 day requirement. Of the 6; 5 are on schedule to make it and 1 will be given up.
- Although this topic was not on the agenda and thus no vote can be taken, Ray wanted to update the HC on the contract renewal status of East Bay Rowing (EBR).
  - East Bay Rowing wants to extend their contract with the town; the Town Council heard EBR proposal but recommended the HC review the boating requirements first.
  - the primary issue revolves around boating restrictions in Hundred Acre Cove, south of Walker farm and under the central bridge.
  - Deb Sullivan from EBR indicated that her interpretation of the existing contract allowed EBR access south and under the bridge. EBR has boating in this area for some time without any incidences.
  - Ray informed the HC of his safety concerns (i.e. higher boat traffic, scull sizes, etc.) and the ongoing new bridge construction (floating barges, construction equipment)
  - general discussion ensued on the merits of boating restrictions and contract language.
  - Brian suggested further clarification on the contract on what EBR wants on boating restrictions.
  - The HC contention was that it limited the EBR club to the west side and north of Walker Farm with no option of any discretion of the EBR. The parks and recreation commission approved a version that did not include the HC limitation.
  - Ray took a "straw poll" of the HC on whether EBR should only boat north and east of walker farm. The vote was split.
  - no action taken but topic to be on next month's agenda.

4. No Subcommittee reports

5. Harbor Management Plans (HMP)

- Kevin Cute from CRMC was invited to give the HC guidance on changes to the HMP. The HMP plan will expire in May 2015 but Kevin indicated that the current plan is comprehensive and perhaps only minor tweaking is necessary.

- Emily Robinson an intern at CRMC supplied the HC with several GIS maps for potential inclusion into the HMP.
  - The HC will continued to amend and identify changes for the plans renewal.
6. No Chairmen's report
7. Motion made by Chip Hawkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:35, seconded by Anne Chapin.  
Motion passed by Paul Dennis, Ed Schottland, Jay Dwyer, Ben Chwalk, Mike Reuter.

Minutes scribed by Jay Dwyer

APPROVED November 12, 2014