

**Town of Barrington Harbor Commission
Minutes of Meeting, Wednesday, June 8, 2016**

Present: Chip Hawkins (Chair), Paul Dennis, James Forster, Ed Schottland, Ben Chwalk, , Michael Reuter

Also Present: Ray Sousa – Harbormaster,

Pat Sullivan (East Bay Rowing), Jim Hutzler

Absent: Brian Hunt, Anne Chapin,

1) Chip Hawkins (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

2) Motion to approve minutes of May 11, 2016 by Ed Schottland, 2nd by Paul Dennis
Approved by: Chip Hawkins, James Forster, Ed Schottland, Paul Dennis, Michael Reuter and Ben Chwalk

3) Harbormasters Report:

- a) Season started and patrols started. Same crew as last year.
- b) No issues to date

4) Discuss and Vote on expansion of the East bay Rowing clubs use of Barrington Waters.:

Detailed discussion of this agenda item followed with an overview of the Rowing Club Activities by Pat Sullivan who then answered specific questions from members of the Harbor Commission about the club, experience of the coaches and safety.

The East Bay Rowing Club is in the 4th year of its youth program.

The club runs 4 shells

There are 96 “youths” participating in the spring program

The ages are 8th thru 12th grade.

The “youths” are boys and girls from Barrington (98%) 1 from Bristol and 1 from Swansea.

Minimum age to participate is 13.

The club also runs an “Adult” program in the mornings for the single sculls.

Participants in this program are typically women aged 40 to 50 years.

There are about 20 people in the adult program

During the classes there is 1 coach for every 5 boats.

The club would like to get a men’s program going but this is difficult due to timing.

Pat Sullivan has asked for the contract to allow the club to row in the Barrington River, i.e. waters south of the Central Bridge – known locally as the White Church Bridge.

This request is being made because the town in 2015, at the recommendation of the Harbor Commission, had restricted the club to the waters of Hundred Acre Cove which are the waters north of the bridge. This recommendation was by the Harbor Commission, and included in the towns contract with the Rowing Club in 2015. The limitation was because of safety concerns due to construction activities and limited passage under the bridge because of construction barges and the piers of the old bridge. Today the piers of the old bridge have been removed and the construction activity is limited to the roadway

above the bridge – i.e. no barges or cranes on the river blocking clear passage under the bridge.

Pat Sullivan also explained that:-

The club had access to the waters of the Barrington River in earlier years before the construction activities of 2014 and 2015.

That when the club races on the Charles River and other waterways they have to negotiate under bridges and so it is an important part of training.

That the piers of the new bridge are wider which is better from a safety perspective.

That when the tide is low the program is limited because the propellers of the coach/safety boats can hit the mud.

The club is typically on the water in the early morning and classes are normally finished by 10:00 am

Safety

Pat Sullivan answered a number of questions about safety including....

For the youth program...

There are 8 people in each shell.

The club runs 2 coach/chase boats. 1 coach boat for each shell.

There are enough life jackets for all participants

The ratio of 1 coach to 1 shell is standard in the rowing club community.

No shell has ever been swamped in the club's 4 year history at Hundred Acre Cove/Walkers Farm

That the cox for the shells is specifically coached about the impact of incoming and outgoing tides.

The coach boat has a conventional marine radio and also carries a cell phone to contact appropriate emergency personnel if necessary.

The Club is insured through the US Rowing Association

That the coaches are trained in CPR

That the club has a defibrillator at the landing at Walker's Farm

Rowing is cancelled as follows:-

If there are white caps

If lightening is forecast

The Harbormaster had no objections to an expansion of the Rowing Clubs activities into the Barrington River south of the bridge but did ask that the club use caution when rowing on the river because of traffic and other activities such as water skiing and the potential for people fishing on the bridge. The Harbormaster did ask that the rowing be restricted to waters north of the Cautionary No Wake/No Skiing White Marker just north of the bike path trellis.

A motion was proposed by Chip Hawkins to Recommend that:-

- 1) The town lift the restriction in the East Bay Rowing Club's contract limiting rowing activities to the area north of the Central Bridge.

- 2) That the club have access and be allowed to row and practice on the waters of the Barrington River.
- 3) That activities by the East Bay Rowing Club be restricted to the area of the Barrington River North of the white cautionary “Speed Limit/No Skiing” marker. This marker is not to be used as a turning marker – all turns by the rowing Sculls or shells must be made north of the marker.

Motion seconded by Mike Reuter

Motion approved by all - Chip Hawkins, Paul Dennis, James Forster, Ed Schottland, Ben Chwalk, , Michael Reuter

Harbormaster Ray Sousa will send note to Michelle/Jerimiah at Town Parks and Recreation Department indicating Harbor Commissions recommendation.

5) Discussion with Jim Hutzler which is part of the Harbor Masters report:

Jim Hutzler appeared before the commission to understand the process for getting a letter from the town for approval of the Almeida/McQuade dock. A copy of a document showing the planned dock was given to members of the Commission by Jim Hutzler and is attached to these minutes

Jim explained that his position is helping the owners through the approval process.

The Harbormaster, Ray Sousa explained that the commission cannot act on the request from Jim Hutzler. That the request will come to the Harbor Commission through the CRMC (Coastal Resources Management Council)

Ray also explained that the Harbor Commission can only make recommendations to CRMC about a specific application. The CRMC is the authorizing/approval body.

Jim Hutzler will make a formal application to CRMC.

6) Chairman’s Report:

The town approved the \$10K for the Rights-of-Way Project

7) Set agenda for the next regular meeting to be held on July13, 2016

- 1) Discuss Bridal Recommendations. (see attached Sketches by Harbormaster)
Objective: remove potential for chafing and meet towns pendant length requirement
 - a. Single Splice
 - b. Splice and Thimble
 - c. 2 Equal Length Pendants through mooring ball.
- 2) Do we change ordinance or issue an advisory?

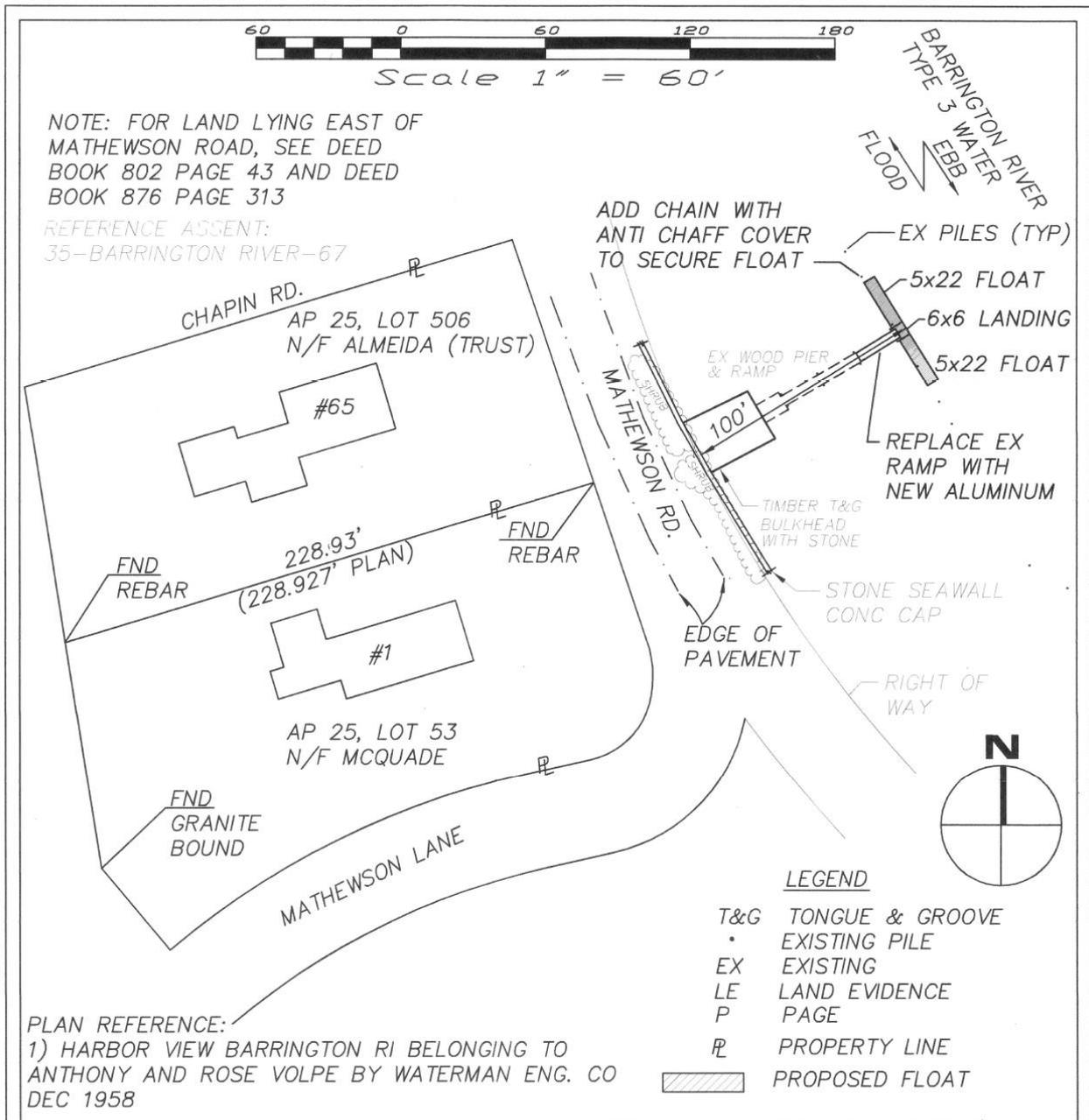
8) Motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm by Michael Reuter, Second by Ben Chwalk

Approved by Chip Hawkins, James Forster, Ed Schottland, Paul Dennis, Michael Reuter, and Ben Chwalk

Scribed by James Forster,

APPROVED 07/13/2016

Attachment 1: Drawing of Dock provided by Jim Hutzler

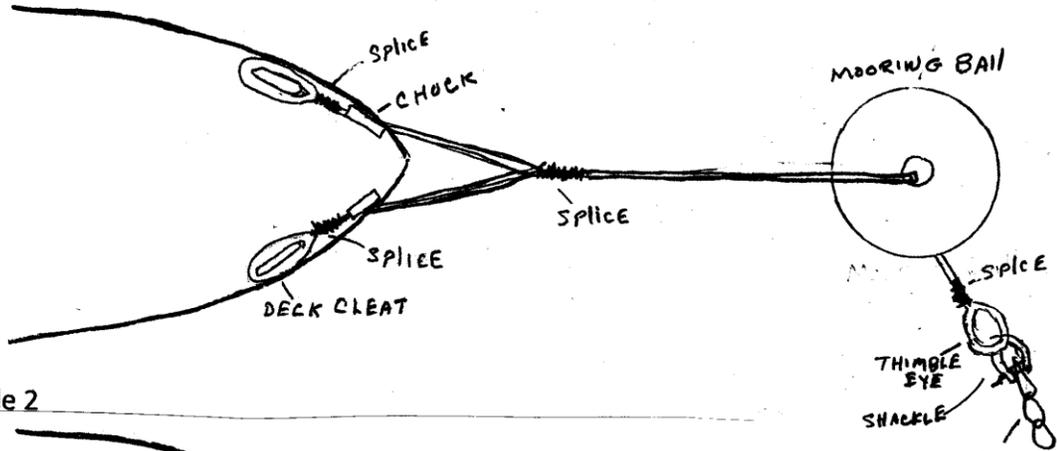


SKETCH OF 256 SQUARE FOOT FLOAT LAYOUT

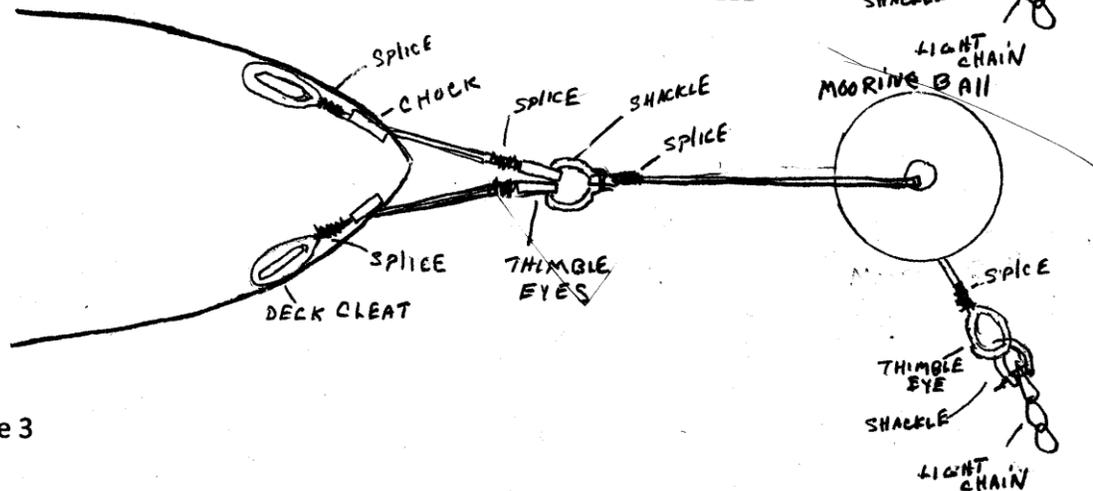
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AP 25, LOTS 53 AND 506
BARRINGTON, RI 02806
BY: WARREN HALL, CIVIL ENGINEER
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Attachment 2:- Drawing of Pennant Options provided by Harbormaster Ray Sousa

Example 1



Example 2



Example 3

