

**Town of Barrington  
Barrington Harbor Commission  
Minutes of Meeting Aug 10, 2016**

Present: Brian Hunt (Chairman), Chip Hawkins, James Forster, Ed Shottland, Paul Dennis, Mike Reuter, Harbor Master Ray Sousa

Excused: Ben Chwalk, Anne Chapin

Other attendee: Pat Sullivan East Bay Rowing Club

1. Chairman called the meeting to order 7:02pm

2. Approval of Minutes

Chip Hawkins made a motion to approve minutes of July 13th 2016. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Shottland. Unanimously approved by Brian Hunt, Chip Hawkins, James Forster, Ed Shottland, Paul Dennis and Mike Reuter.

3. Harbor Masters report-

Patrols continue to go well

There are an increased number kayakers using the river and hundred acre cove and the patrols continue to inform kayakers and paddleboard operators of the requirement to wear a lifejacket.

More independent rowers, not associated with the East Bay Rowing Club are using Hundred Acre Cove and the Barrington River.

Ray indicated that he had been approached by a resident with a series of informal questions about being able to set-up a slalom course in Hundred Acre Cove for water skiing activities. An aerial view of the area they would like to set up the course was provided. An improved version of that map, created by me, is attached. It is an area which runs approximately parallel to Teed Ave between Tongue Island and the point formed by Teed and Boyce Avenues.

There was some discussion about this request and harbor commission members felt that there were many unanswered questions about use, permanence, maintenance, safety, noise, interference with local boating traffic etc and that the committee could not make any decision/recommendation without more information. If this resident wants to pursue this request then they should ask that this be added to the agenda of a harbor commission meeting and they should appear to address questions from the commission.

Other questions/concerns

Mike Reuter asked the Harbormaster Ray Sousa about issues with the marine radio on the small patrol boat and their ability to monitor channel 16. Apparently many small boats, and in this instance the Barrington Harbor small patrol boat, have difficulties receiving radio signals when they are in the upper river/hundred acre cove due to normal interferences such as building, vegetation etc etc. This is not an uncommon problem for a handheld radio on a small craft. Ray indicated that the VHF marine channel 16 is monitored by the harbor patrol at other locations and if an emergency exists the crew of the small patrol boat can be contacted by cell phone and/or other radio means.

#### 4. Chairman's Report-

##### Harbor management Plan Review and Discussion

Brian and members of the harbor commission reviewed sections 600 to 800 of the Harbor Management Plan and had an open discussion of specific sections.

Wording and sections to be changed or removed were discussed and Brian made notes on his copy. The updates will reflect progress which has been made to the original plan and update charts and maps to show the current status of the waters covered by the plan; for example the current number of moorings in each of the mooring fields managed by the Barrington Harbormaster.

The appropriate appendix's associated with Sections 600 thru 800 were reviewed and changes proposed.

An updated version of sections 600 thru 800 will be prepared for the next harbor commission meeting for further review and approval.

##### Rights of Way

Due to the focus on the Harbor Management Plan there was no new discussion.

Need to prioritize goals and start this effort.

#### 5. Next meeting September 14, 2016

#### 6. Motion to adjourn

A motion to adjourn by Chip Hawkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Reuter at 8:29pm.

Approved unanimously by Brian Hunt, Chip Hawkins, James Forster, Ed Shottland, Paul Dennis and Mike Reuter.

Scribed by James Forster

Approved 9/14/2016

Approximate location of request for shalom course



