

Town of Barnstable

Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes April 22, 2025

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee was held via Zoom as approved by the Town Manager with the Committee's approval.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by Chairman Paul Everson. The quorum was confirmed and Paul Everson read the following notice at the beginning of the meeting. NOTICE OF RECORDING "Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on Town of Barnstable's Government Access Channel and Website, and in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s. 20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known.

Roll Call:

Board Members present:

Paul Everson, Chairman

Gary Shramek

Greg Egan

Todd Walantis

Jacob Angelo

Board Members absent:

Todd Walantis

Town Staff Present:

Brian Taylor, Harbormaster (HM)

Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster (DHM)

Polina Plucinski, MEA Administrative Assistant

Town Council Liaison:

Public:

Jose Picardo, David Lawler, Wayne Kerker (Hyannis Marina), Nate VanDuzer (Barnstable Marine), L.J. Gallagher (Anchor and Bouy Marine), Norman Harrison Buck, James Mitchell, Janice Mitchell, Cynthia Foster, Jeffrey Eshbaugh, Lauren Sozio, William Greer, Roy Danforth, Kelsey Foster, John Higgins, John Linkewicz, Thomas Hale.

II. Act on Minutes/Notes:

Paul Everson entertained a motion to accept the minutes from February 25th and March 25th, 2025 as written. Greg Egan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Gary Shramek – second. All in favor.

III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

1. Applicant: Jamie N. Cody, Trustee: Centerville Qualified Personal Residence Trust
Project Location: 90 Short Beach Rd, Centerville, MA 02632
Representative: John O’Dea, Sullivan Engineering & Consulting, Inc.
Proposed Project: To replace existing timber bulkhead and stone revetment with new vinyl bulkhead.

John O’Dea was not present at this meeting. Deputy Harbormaster Jay Horn gave a brief description of the case.

The following applicant is doing bulkhead work and stonework at the 90 Short Beach Road, Centerville. The Harbormaster Department doesn’t have any concerns with the NLI. This project does not affect navigable water sheets.

Paul Everson - entertains a motion to accept.
Greg Egan – motion to approve as presented.
Jacob Angelo - second.
All in favor.

2. 251 Green Dunes Drive, Hyannis, MA 02601.
Proposed project: Dock and float

Jose Picardo from Green Seal Environmental and the project attorney David Lawler representing the applicant. The dock was designed in full compliance with chapter 704 (private docks and piers). The pier’s dimensions are 4 ft wide by 54.6 ft long. It will have a gangway that is 11.2 ft long to access a 200 sq. ft flood at the end. The three existing floods were located for navigation matters – the closest one is approx. 202 ft from the end of the proposed dock. The applicant does not see any navigation issues as well.

Harbormaster Brian Taylor has some concerns regarding the moorings at proximity. It was indicated that the nearest one is approximately 202 ft from the proposed dock on

Halls Creek. As of right now, the applicant is planning to place a motorized two-person dinghy.

Paul Everson - entertains a motion to accept.

Greg Egan – motion to approve as presented.

Gary Shramek – second.

All in favor.

3. 10 Year Comprehensive Dredging and Beach Nourishment Project.

All members of the Committee agreed to meet next month to discuss this matter in detail - The Waterways Committee Meeting will take place via Zoom on May 20th, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

V. MOORING APPEALS:

1. Norman Harrison Buck, ER/01
2. James Mitchell, SSB/056, SSB/057
3. Janice Mitchell, SSB/058
4. Cynthia Foster, LB/103, NB/030
5. Jeffrey Eshbaugh, LT/057
6. Lauren Sozio, RT/077
7. William Greer, LB/114
8. Roy Danforth, NB/015
9. Kelsey Foster, LB/006
10. John Higgins, RP/097
11. John Linkewicz, WB/064
12. Thomas Hale, LT/068

Deputy Harbormaster Jay Horn received emails from the individuals above regarding the reinstatement of moorings. Additionally, Mr. Horn talked about an unusually high number of people who did not renew this year.

All the mooring holders missed the due dates for the first time. It was decided by the Waterways Committee to reinstate all the moorings respectively (“in a group”). Deputy Harbormaster talked about the fees for the mooring reinstatement: \$135 for the mooring itself, \$50 late fee, and a \$25 reinstatement fee. Additionally, Mr. Horn had mentioned that all the paperwork needs to be updated to reinstate the mooring.

Greg Egan – motion to approve mooring appeals.

Gary Shramek – second.

All in favor.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jacob Angelo, Fish Weir Renewal

Jacob Angelo left the meeting due to his involvement with the Waterways Committee. David Lawler represents Jacob Angelo for this matter.

Mr. Angelo is looking for a 5-year Fish Weir Renewal. Harbormaster Taylor stated that Mr. Angelo already got a 1-year renewal, which was supported by the Waterways Committee and the Town Council. Harbormaster Taylor stated that the office needs more time to review the paperwork before commenting on it. The paperwork was submitted at the last minute by Mr. Angelo.

David Lawler then explained what Mr. Angelo does for the living and what he plans to do, as well as the history of what Mr. Angelo has been doing in the fish weir season. Mr. Lawler stated that that Mr. Angelo is seeking a 5-year permit to justify the investment in purchasing the equipment.

Harbormaster Taylor would like the applications to be posted to the next Waterways Committee.

The decision was made to revisit this matter at the next Committee Meeting which will take place on May 20th , 2025, at 7 pm.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nate VanDuzer (Barnstable Marine): Individual to Commercial Mooring

Deputy Harbormaster Horn briefly introduces the business and its owner. Additionally, Mr. Horn explains that the Individual mooring that Nate's father owns is to be transitioned to a Commercial. To do that, the Harbormasters office needs to see proof of ownership of the business and an understanding from the applicant that for the commercial moorings the vessel cannot be on that mooring for longer than 14 days.

Mr. Van Duzer explains to the committee the importance of transitioning from Individual to Commercial for Barnstable Marine. The mooring is approximately 500-600 lb. mushroom. Mr. VanDuzer also talked about the business itself and its history. He is a 4th generation in this business (over 70 years); Barnstable Marine offers a full-service boat yard to its customers and services majority of the mornings in Barnstable Harbor.

Harbormaster office has no objection to this transition.

Paul Everson - entertains a motion to accept.

Greg Egan – motion to approve the transition from Individual to Commercial mooring.

Gary Shramek – second.

All in favor.

2. L.J. Gallagher (Anchor and Buoy Marine): Individual to Commercial Mooring. Deputy Harbormaster Horn briefly introduces the business and its owner. Anchor and Bouy Marine do have commercial moorings. A couple of years ago Mr. Gallagher was offered an Individual mooring on Fish Hills from the waitlist that he was on.

Mr. Gallagher would like to turn his Individual Mooring into Commercial. This mooring would mainly be used for the mooring of customers, the boats, repairs, maintenance, etc.

Harbormaster office has no objection to this transition.

Paul Everson - entertains a motion to accept.

Greg Egan – motion to approve the transition from Individual to Commercial mooring.

Gary Shramek – second.

All in favor.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Discussion on the town's Local Comprehensive Plan, regarding references to marine water quality, shellfish and aquaculture.

Harbormaster Brian Taylor spoke about the importance of marine-related matters, water quality, shellfish, and aquaculture. The Waterways Committee has decided to discuss this matter in the special meeting on May 6th, 2025, at 7pm. All in favor.

2. All Cape Boat Rental: Commercial Mooring.

Deputy Harbormaster Horn stated that the Harbormasters office will need to look at this situation more internally before moving forward. The Waterways Committee has decided to discuss this matter next month. The Waterways Committee Meeting will take place via Zoom on May 20th, 2025, at 7:00 PM. All in favor.

No further correspondence to any.

IX. HARBORMASTER REPORT

1. Deputy Harbormaster Horn explains that to get on the agenda, the citizens need to send an official email. Then the committee will review the mooring reinstatement case. Further, all the paperwork needs to be updated to reinstate the mooring.
2. Mr. Horn also stated that mooring stickers will be issued as soon as possible and asked mooring holders to be patient with the process.
3. Additionally, we have two new staff coming in: an Administrative Assistant and an Assistant Harbormaster.

4. Marinas will be open May 1st, 2025. Dock have been installed and marinas are ready to go for the busy season.

X. **MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:** None

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chairmen Paul Everson entertains a motion to adjourn, seconded by Greg Egan.

Respectfully submitted,

Polina Plucinski
MEA Administrative Assistant
Town of Barnstable