CHILMARK HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2023 MEETING

The Harbor Advisory Committee met on November 3, 2023 at 5:00 pm at Chilmark Town Hall. HAC members present were Steve Broderick, Andy Goldman, Fred Khedouri, Deb Hancock, Susan Murphy, Wayne Iacono, Jim Malkin, and Jeffrey Maida. Ryan Rossi arrived at 5:12. HAC members absent were Wes Brighton. Also in attendance was select board member Marie Larsen. The minutes from the October 26, 2023 meeting were approved.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and recommend to the select board possible changes to the Chilmark Waterways Rules and Regulations (CWRR).

Deb Hancock asked about section II Line I. "Marina". Does this include private docks? She was told it did not. Susan Murphy asked about the dingy's at Harriph's Creek. Section II Line R. "Dingy" states boats must be less than 8' in length. She wondered if this was enforced and how often it was checked. Andy Goldman says anywhere it says the word selectmen it needs to be changed to select board. Ryan Rossi suggested removing Line L in Section II. Line L "Year Round Resident" means a resident of the town who resides at least 9 months a year in Chilmark. Ryan Rossi says there is no way to prove if someone resides in town for 9 months. Steve Broderick suggest leaving it as is and if it becomes an issue rather than the Harbormaster prove they are not a year round resident make the person in question prove that they are.

Deb Hancock questioned the space that is leased to Hank Goldberg and what becomes of it if something should happen to Hank Goldberg. Jim Malkin stated the agreement is with the individual. Ryan Rossi says he has spoken with the captain of the Banjo and Bennett Goldberg and they are planning on purchasing a new boat. Steve Broderick wants it to be clear that the space the Banjo occupies is not a slip. Jim Malkin says Ryan Rossi should have a conversation with the Goldberg's about this and make it clear that this space cannot be passed on. Ryan Rossi questioned the boats at the charter dock and how to prove if they are actually charter fishing. Steve Broderick says Charter Captains are required to keep a log book. Jim Malkin says Park & Rec requires a catch report from commercial fishermen and suggest the HAC puts similar language about charter docks. Jeffrey Maida recommends adding language to Section VII Line D. It says a slip may be passed down to the surviving spouse who is a qualified Chilmark Resident. Jeffrey Maida suggest that if the surviving spouse already occupies a slip they should not be eligible to obtain the slip of the deceased spouse.

Section VII Line N. needs to include outside moorings. Also in Section VII Line N. it states transient boats cannot stay for more than 30 days for the months of July and August. Ryan Rossi would like to recommend removing the 30 day limit. Ryan Rossi was asked if this would increase revenue, Ryan Rossi said probably not. After much discussion it was decided to table this and possibly revisit another time. Section VII Line X. Ryan Rossi would like to add if a boat has limited crew a qualified harbor employee may board the boat to assist in docking. It was suggested he check with town council about the liability of that. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Jeffrey Maida Chairperson Chilmark Harbor Advisory Committee