



Joint meeting: Park & Rec and Harbor Advisory Committees

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 4 pm at Chilmark Town Hall Select Board Meeting Room

Members Present: Park & Rec - Julianna Flanders (Chair), Tim Carroll, Andrew Goldman; Harbor Advisory – Jeffrey Maida, Stephen Broderick, Andrew Goldman, Deborah Hancock, Fred Khedouri

Staff: Aiden Coombs (Assistant Harbormaster) Marie Larsen (Select Board), Ryan Rossi (Harbormaster), Carolyn Stoeber (Admin)

Public: Matthew Mayhew

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Julianna Flanders.

New Business:

Application by Matthew Mayhew to perform electrical work to be used for shore power for commercial fishing vessels:

Discussion included where the installation is located, whose cost will it be to install and pay in the future, and who will be able to use it. The applicant will bear the cost and the committees will require a schematic to show the location of the installation. There was concern that if the application approval did not specified use, EV cars, private boats, refrigerated trucks, freezers, and other usage could be made of this project.

Related discussion included fixing the broken electrical service with two 30 amp outlets as a future project. Park & Rec agreed to the repair of the existing electrical service. Harbor Advisory will follow up on this project in the future.

Action: A motion made to approve the application, but stipulated that a schematic with the location of pedestal and electrical work be submitted by the applicant, Matthew Mayhew, to the committees; and usage is to remain for commercial fishing boats only and welding equipment.

Unanticipated Business:

A photo depicting a private boat being charged using multiple extension cords was shown to the committees and discussed as not legal and posing a potential hazard.

There was discussion that included a desire for children to be able to swim in the harbor, but currently, there is no swimming within 50 feet of a docked vessel; and to keep dogs off the

beach and curb dogs in Menemsha for the enjoyment of everyone. Access to parking spaces is being prevented by furniture, further limiting the parking available in Menemsha.

The Harbormaster was concerned about equipment being stored behind the comfort station during the season.

Harbor Advisory will contact the Fire Chief to learn more about the regulations related to grilling within 50 feet of a docked vessel.

Both committees would like to join the Select Board for the Spring and Fall walk-about in Menemsha. Park & Rec will find out the date and time of the Fall Walk-About. At this time, projects can be identified in time to budget for the next fiscal year.

Action: A motion made and seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carolyn Stoeber