

CHILMARK HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR JUNE 16,2023

The Harbor Advisory Committee met on June 16,2023 at 9:00 AM at the Chilmark Town Hall in the Select Board Meeting Room

Those who attended the meeting were Steve Broderick, Fred Khedouri, Deb Hancock, Susan Murphy, Wes Brighton, Andy Goldman, Jeffrey Maida and Harbormaster Ryan Rossi. Absent were Wayne Iacono and Jim Malkin . Jim Zisson arrived at 9:10

- 1. Minutes from October 7, 2022 were approved**
- 2. Discuss Jim Zisson's appeal regarding the Select Boards decision not to let him be exempt for the Chilmark WaterWays Rules and Regulations and allow him to have a seasonal slip in Menemsha. Andy Goldman had concerns about the process that it came to the HAC after the Select Board, and if the HAC had the right to overrule the Select Boards decision. There was discussion about not wanting to set a precedent by not following the CWRR and allowing. Fred Khedeouri made a motion that the committee express it's concurrence in the decision of the Select Board to deny Mr. Zisson's request for a seasonal slip and advise the Select Board to reaffirm it. A motion was made and 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 3. Next item discussed was a request from Harbormaster Rossi to change quarterly meetings to give HAC updates on all things Harbor and Menemsha related to bi-annual meetings. After discussions Deb Hancock made a motion to have these meeting three times a year. once in mid January, once in July, once in October.
These meetings will be in addition to any other meetings that need to be called.
motion was 2nd and past unanimously.**
- 4. There was discussion about HAC attendance, Wes said it was difficult to attend meetings at 9:00AM , it was also suggested to meet at the Harbor. Jeffrey said he was just following what Everett used to do. Jeffrey also stated that it was difficult to hold meetings on the docks because he has no one willing to do the minutes and it's difficult to run the meetings and keep**

track of the paper work standing around the docks. A motion was made and 2nd to hold the meetings at or after 5:00PM. Motion past unanimously.

5. Next item was actually listed on the agenda as item 3. Jeffrey apologized for skipping over this item. There is concern about the amount of electricity an Electric Boat uses vs any other boat connected to Town power. There currently is an Electric transient boat in an unused slip on the east side of the fill dock. Currently there is no policy for Electric boats paying more for electricity. Fred Khedouri volunteered to do some research on how much electricity it takes to charge different types of boats and an appropriate surcharge. Steve Broderick suggested Ryan Rossi contact the Falmouth Harbormaster and see if they have a policy. Ryan Rossi suggested when we come up with a policy it be applied to fee and fine schedule. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

6. Mr Zisson arrived at the meeting after his appeal was discussed and voted on. Steve Broderick asked if Mr. Zisson would like to address the board and speak, board agreed. Mr. Zisson gave his history in the harbor and asked for special consideration to allow his sailboat (length 45' beam 25') to be given a seasonal slip in the Harbor. Mr. Zisson asked that Deb Hancock recuse herself from voting based on the fact that Deb Hancock is Mr. Zisson's ex-wife's realtor. Deb Hancock agreed. The committee had already voted on this matter earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Zisson first request was denied by Harbormaster Rossi. Harbormaster Rossi told Mr. Zisson he could appeal his decision to the Select Board. The Select Board denied Mr. Zisson request. Mr. Zisson said he was then told by Harbormaster Rossi that he could appeal the Select Boards decision to the HAC.

HAC advisement to Select board is that it seems process has been exhausted.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45Am

**Jeffrey Maida
Chairperson
Chilmark Harbor Advisory Committe**