

CHILMARK HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUGUST 16, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The Chilmark Harbor Advisory Committee met on Wednesday August 16, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the meeting room at the Chilmark Town Hall. Members who attended were Steve Broderick, Andy Goldman, Fred Khedouri, Deb Hancock, Ryan Rossi and Jeffrey Maida. Not present were Wayne Iacono, Wes Brighton, Susan Murphy and James Malkin. Also in attendance were Assistant Harbormaster Aiden Coombs and select board member Marie Larsen. Minutes from the June 23, 2023 meeting were approved. The second Triannual report for 2023 was presented and read by Aiden Coombs and Ryan Rossi. There was continued discussion on a possible policy for electric boat electrical rate charge. Fred Khedouri had done some research about how much electricity an electric boat uses in order to recharge. The conclusion was all boats would be different based on size, equipment and many other variables. There was also discussion about a current electric boat that belongs to a Town mooring permit holder and its needs for charging. Currently the electric boat owner needs to rent a transient space when available at the current rate for the slip and electric hook up. There was discussion of the boat being tied to the commercial dock bulkhead and an extension cord running up the dock beyond the gas station. Steve Broderick brought up safety concerns about the extension cord. Steve Broderick suggested the owner of the electric boat buy a Honda generator to charge the boat while on it's mooring. Jeffrey Maida had concerns of the boat being tied to the commercial bulkhead. Ryan Rossi said it was the only space available at the time and he feels it is his responsibility to make sure the boat can be charged to avoid it running out of power and ending up on the rocks. Ryan stated it would be his responsibility to tow the boat off the rocks if this happens. There was much discussion about what to do moving forward for electric boat recharging. The conclusion is there needs to be a policy put in place. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Jeffrey Maida
Chairperson Chilmark Harbor Advisory Committee