

CHILMARK HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 26, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The HAC met on October 26,2023 at 5:00pm Chilmark Town Hall Select Board Meeting Room. Those in attendance were HAC members Deb Hancock, Andy Goldman, Steve Broderick, Wayne Iacono, Ryan Rossi, Fred Khedouri, Susan Murphy, and Jeffrey Maida. Also in attendance arriving at 5:40 was Select Board member Marie Larsen. HAC members absent were Wes Brighton and James Malkin. Minutes from the August 16,2023 and the September 13, 2023 meetings were approved. The Planning Board Master Plan Survey Questionnaire were discussed. Committee members discussed the importance of Menemsha remaining a commercial fishing port and family oriented harbor. Andy Goldman thinks we should stick with the original master plan and keep Menemsha as is. Other committee members feel Menemsha is too special to compromise and change just to accommodate large number of visitors for a short two month period. Committee members suggest we figure out to adjust to the visitors without changing anything that maintains the character of Menemsha. Deb Hancock made a motion to recommend to the Select Board to do a traffic study before making changes that would change any appearances in Menemsha. Motion was moved and seconded. After discussion members voted in favor of the motion. One member Wayne Iacono was opposed. Harbormaster Rossi read his final triannual report for 2023. Susan Murphy suggested we make a capitol improvement plan for Menemsha. Committee members discussed the tour vans coming to Menemsha are a large part of the traffic issues faced and there is no benefit to having them in Menemsha except for one fish market providing food for them. The review of the Chilmark Waterways Rules and Regulations were postponed until another meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm

Jeffrey Maida
Chairperson Chilmark Harbor Advisory Committee