

RIVERS AND COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Members Present: Chairman Mark Worthing, Vice Chair Sue Stableford, Bill Good, Tammy Gray, Fred Wigand, Helene Harrower (arrived at 6:14), Mark Holbrook (Alternate), Douglas Niven (Alternate), and Steve Walker

Members Absent: Reginald Elwell

Staff Present: MRO, Dan Devereaux

A meeting of the Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission was held on Monday, November 10, 2014 at Town Hall, 85 Union Street, Room 206. Chair Mark Worthing called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

September 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY BILL GOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 MEETING. SECONDED BY TAMMY GRAY, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AMONG THOSE PRESENT.

Harbor Masters Report

Dan Devereaux reviewed the Harbor Masters Report.

- 99% of the moorings are gone (removed for the season)
- Successfully negotiated a wharf removal from the New Meadows River

Committee Member Correspondence

None.

Harbor Ordinance

Committee members reviewed the proposed changes as outlined in red in the Harbor Ordinance as provided in the meeting materials.

- New addition that Shellfish Harvesters can have a dingy that can be left close to shore.
- Change dingy definition to add *should* clearly be marked.
- Multi-use mooring; add language that there is to be only one motor craft at a mooring at a time.
- Subdivision/Association: Doug Niven said that Seapoint Land Company has offered to attend the next meeting to talk about this definition. Decision to research the language further and possibly remove the subdivision definition and exchange it for association and whether they can specify 50 feet for a mooring in an association.
- Defined Channels clarification of Title 3 Section 38.3.
- Harbor Master: Mark Worthing asked, if in the future, there are two positions, the Harbor Master and MRO will this work and who will supervise an employee of the Town who carries a weapon

as right now the Harbor Master and the MRO are combined and supervised by the Police. Dan Devereaux replied that he currently has two job descriptions, Harbor Master and MRO, that both fall under the Deputy Chief of Police. Decision to add additional language in Subsection C regarding law enforcement supervision. Decision to change the word powers to responsibility and duties in Section 11.3.B.

- Registration date: Mark Holbrook stated that he does not agree with having a registration date. Discussion among members that this date is just arbitrary at this time. Doug Niven brought up winter logs and Dan Devereaux replied that they really should be winter sticks; postponed discussion to the mooring section.
- Committee reviewed the mooring process and reasons why a mooring may be denied such as eel grass areas or areas that would adversely affect the natural resources of the area.
- 11.4.C change to *signature of designee* not owner.
- Remove the word *local* from 11.4.A.5.
- 4/15/2005 mooring date explanation. Dan Devereaux stated that there has been no mandatory mooring registration since 2005. If this ordinance is enacted, registration will be required. "is subsequently registered" added to the language.
- 11.4.D, Placement Standards: Change language so that the Harbor Master in charge of all moorings in the harbor. Comment from the audience who explained the permitting process required by the Army Corps of Engineers and why the responsibility cannot be just handed over. Suggestion from Mark Holbrook to strike *except for existing commercial moorings*. Decision to add wording *to the extent not inconsistent with*. Helene Harrower to research further.
- 11.4.D.4: Mark Holbrook asked if they should define natural resources area. Decision to change language to add *to the effect that but not limited to areas of eel grass, fisheries, beds*. Attorney to research further.
- 11.4.E.1: Strike *mooring fields* to maintain controlled moorings in a designated area. Change wording from *consult* to *consult with the Harbor Master*.
- 11.4.E.3. NEW: add language to the effect that associations register and provide mooring applications and any Town Fees by the annual mooring registration date.

Decision to postpone discussion on Sections 11.14 and 11.15 to the next meeting. Dan to continue working with the Town Attorney on draft language.

Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Attest



Tonya D. Jenusaitis,

Recording Secretary

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