

Falmouth Harbor/Waterfront Committee
April 25, 2019 at 8:00 AM
Falmouth Town Hall

Roll Call

Present: Richard Garrett, Peter Dion, Frank Soule, Alan Towmbley, Richard Craven, Skylar Fugelso, Ryann Philbrook, Manny Kourinos, Marty Bruno

Members of the public present: Charlie Whittier

I Chairperson's Comments

Chairperson Richard Garrett recognized Bill Oliver's service to the committee, who recently stepped down. Chuck Sanders, new liaison from the Yacht Club will fit in perfectly. Marty Bruno is also a new committee member and we look forward to working with them both.

Side floats went in two days ago. We also have a new pump-out station this year.

II Approve Minutes of October 18, 2018 meeting

Manny Kourinos made a motion to approve the minutes, Richard Craven seconded it. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III Public Comment

Charles Whittier, Falmouth resident and boat owner, stated the anchorage is very well run.

IV Harbormaster Report

So far this year we have received 1116 new mooring permits or renewals, which has increased a little from last year. A lot of this is from Handy Boat. They have 90 permits for mooring rentals, and they elected to put in the rest of them this year, so we gave them 18 more. Town landing cancellations – only had 14 this year and there may be a couple more. We have 24 residents on the wait list and that is after we removed seven off the wait list to fill the ones we already had vacant. So, we have a total of 24 resident and two non-residents on the wait list.

All the dinghy permits were sold on Dinghy Day in about an hour. Some people came in a little late and were upset that they were all sold. We still have the Town dinghies available to them. We sent out 17 late notices last week, the least amount we have ever had to send out.

Commercial floats went in the other day. The rest are scheduled for Thursday with the pump-out hookup. We will also have a hose pedestal available for people to wash their boats this year.

Boat is scheduled to go in this Friday, weather permitting.

V AGENDA ITEM

A. New Business

Chairperson Ritchie Garrett went around the room asking each member if they had new business to discuss.

Skylar Fugelso (Representative from Handy Boat): we added some moorings – 90 rentals total (mixed use). We are ready to put our docks in.

Richard Craven: What time did Dinghy Day start? Harbormaster Alan Twombly stated it started at 8:00 am. There was discussion about the waiting line forming around 7:00 am. People arriving after 9:00 am were told the dinghy permits were sold out. Richard Craven asked if we could increase the structure for waiting, maybe handing out numbers or something similar. Harbormaster Twombly stated he arrived at 7:30 am and started the process soon after, moving the line along. He also sent out two reminder emails, one in January and one the week before Dinghy Day reminding everyone we sold all of the permits last year, and to plan accordingly for this year.

Peter Dion: Any news regarding changing the leases on aquaculture on the other side of Clapboard Island? They were going to be increased in terms of size. Is this in the purview of this committee and does anyone have any information on the status of this? Harbormaster Twombly stated it is not in the purview of this committee other than the actual moorings. Department of Marine Resources (DMR) held a final meeting in February, and it was approved to 11 acres, as proposed. Manny Kourinos asked if it will run the length of the island. Harbormaster Twombly stated it will basically be where the mussel floats are now, staying 1000 feet from shore. Harbormaster Twombly stated a couple times a year he gets requests to put in mussel rafts and he signs off on it because it is essentially up to DMR.

Marty Bruno: New member - very happy to be on the committee. Question regarding the consultant report a few years ago that made some recommendations. One of those recommendations was increasing parking fees. Wondering if this has come up in discussion and is it something this group would tackle and then make a recommendation to the council? Chairperson Garrett stated every one of the recommendations from the consultant group was turned down by the council. It was decided that none of it was applicable. Marty Bruno felt it was prudent to raise the \$15 parking fine. Chairperson Garrett will run this by Chief Kilbride and Harbormaster Twombly and if changes can be made, we will discuss it at the next meeting.

VI Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for October 17, 2019 at 8:00 AM at the Town Hall.

VII Adjourn

Richard Craven made a motion to adjourn and Chairperson Garrett seconded it.
The committee voted unanimously to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted on May 22, 2019 by Ryann Philbrook.