

Falmouth Harbor/Waterfront Committee  
October 19, 2017 – 8:00 AM  
Falmouth Police Department

**Roll Call**

Present: Paul Dobbins, Richard Garrett, William Oliver, Richard Craven, Emanuel Kourinos

Town Councilor Adam Sverdlow, Harbormaster Alan Twombly; Kim Maxfield-Fearon

Absent: Steve DeCrosta

**I Chairperson's Comments**

An uneventful summer. A lot of swimming, lobstering was down, the dinghies continue to be overcrowded.

**II Approve Minutes of the March 23, 2017 meeting**

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

**III Public Comment**

Jack Jacobson

Commented on mooring sticks, he feels the "logs" that are used are unsafe. He recommended using upright PVC sticks. Richard Garrett mentioned that other places use lobster buoys. The committee agreed to look into the subject.

John Winslow

He commented that the fees charged Handy Boat for their rental moorings were too low. He recommended they be raised from the resident mooring fee to at least the non-resident rate. He stated that Yarmouth charges \$400.00 for their rental moorings. He also wanted to make the committee aware that people are staying overnight on their boats. Richard Garrett asked what the ordinance said about sleeping on their boats. The harbormaster pointed out that the town's ordinance only addresses house boats.

**IV Harbormaster's Report**

This year there were 1124 moorings. This figure was down 10 from 2016 and up 6 from 2015.

On the waiting list:

Resident	34
Non-Resident	4

Paul Dobbins asked how long a resident waits on the list and was told about 2 – 23 years.

Harbormaster Twombly updated the committee on the float improvement project. The SHIP grant has been approved and the project is out for bid on the float build. The floats will be hauled out and many replaced. The plan is to have them ready for spring, will replace as many as possible.

The town is returning to using Online Mooring as our online mooring registration company. The new company that was used, Mooring Info, did not live up to the promises made, and the service at Online Moorings has improved.

## **V      Agenda Items**

### *Update on New Floats*

The plan is to leave the configuration of the floats the same and to update the commercial ramp to make it ADA compliant.

### *Handy Boat request for more rental moorings*

Handy Boat has asked for 20 new moorings. After a brief discussion, with consideration to John Winslow's suggestion that the rates for rental moorings be raised it was recommended that the committee agree to allow them 20 more moorings, without raising the fee.

Paul Dobbins made a motion to allow them the new moorings at the current rate, Manny Kourinos seconded. The committee voted unanimously to give them the new moorings.

### *Consider request for air B&B boats in anchorage*

The committee briefly discussed the subject, mostly opposed to the idea, but felt that they needed more information to make a decision. It was decided that the topic would be tabled until the next meeting so they could consider the request more thoroughly.

*Election of Chairperson*

William Oliver made a motion to re-elect Richard Garrett as chairperson, Manny Kourinos seconded the motion. It was unanimously voted for Richard Garrett to remain chairperson of the committee.

**IV Set Date for Next Meeting**

Spring meeting May 17, 2018, 8:00 AM at town hall

A date of November 16, 2017 8:00 AM at town hall was also set for a meeting to discuss the Air B&B request

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 AM

Respectfully submitted on November 2, 2017 by Kimmerly Maxfield-Fearon