



Minutes of the Kingston Waterfront Committee

8 March 2010

Kingston Harbormaster's Headquarters
Kingston, Massachusetts

Members Present: Mr. Guidoboni, Chair Mr. Veno Mr. Gould
 Mr. Cazeault Mr. Loring Mr. Murray
 Mr. Comeau

Mr. Carvalho, Harbormaster

Call to Order: 1700 Hrs: 5:00 PM

Previous meeting minutes approved.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Carvalho reported that the Sampson Fund request for a Defibulator and a boat trailer for the Arthur V had been granted and will be recommended for passage at Town Meeting.
2. Mr. Carvalho reported that the Federal Homeland Security grant for four (4) surveillance cameras has been submitted. All affiliated departments – Kingston Police Dept and the Harbormaster's of Plymouth and Duxbury - have worked together in a cooperative regional effort.
3. Discussion of lack of patrol and maintenance vehicles despite assurances; problems caused by the lack of town vehicle and insurance coverage of volunteer HM's and Shellfish Constables will create. Lack of patrols means no public safety or shellfish bed regulation enforcement can be carried out. Promised vehicles have failed to materialize. MOVED Mr. Murray: That the shoreline shellfish beds not be opened on April 1, 2010 and remained closed until effective patrol vehicles and insurance issues are resolved. SECONDED: Mr. Gould. UNANIMOUSLY approved by voice vote. A letter will be sent to the Selectmen to notify them of our recommendation with a copy to the TA.
4. Training in Waterfront Regulations and enforcement will be attended by Mr. Carvalho and Francis Ferioli, Asst. HM(Vol) at Point Allerton Coast Guard Station March 16. Training provide in cooperation with the USCG and the SE Mass Harbormaster's Association.

5. Mr. Carvalho has discussed with the KPD Chief the need for law enforcement procedural training and the need to be permitted to carry weapons. Harbormasters and Shellfish Constables will not routinely carry weapons but cannot now take a weapon into possession during an enforcement action without being in violation of state law.
6. Replacement of Main Docks: Discussion continued to review of plans, costs and available grants to replace the main docks which are in need of replacement owing to age and normal wear and tear of the marine environment.
7. Mr. Veno is continuing to review possible strategies for repair of the wharf which is coming to the end of its useable life and potential funding sources; Attention to safety and historical preservation are paramount. He is also exploring aquaculture grants to support the effort here in Kingston.

New Business:

1. Scott R. Guidoboni, BSA attended the Waterfront Meeting as an observer in the furtherance of his progress towards higher rank in the BSA.
2. Mr. Guidoboni presented his preliminary findings regarding salary levels for the Mr. Carvalho and Asst. HM's. One fact in particular stands out: Our current Harbormaster is paid at ½ the rate of a Plymouth *Assistant* Harbormaster.
3. Budget: The proposed budget was reviewed and it was generally agreed by consensus that it is inadequate for waterfront needs including personal services. Having been instructed last fiscal year by the Finance Committee to raise sufficient funds through fees and having recommended such fee increases to the Selectmen, who voted unanimously to approve them, the Finance Committee recommended that only 50% of the increase actually be placed in the Harbormaster's/Waterfront budget. This struck members of the Waterfront Advisory Committee as an usurpation of funds that they and the boating public understood would go to support the Waterfront areas exclusively.
4. Notification of resident mooring, slip and day boaters and resident clamming license holders regarding changes in fees, problems with opening the shoreline shellfish beds, budget issues and upcoming Town Meeting discussed. Motion: Mr. Guidoboni, Seconded: Mr. Comeau to notify by mail all boaters of changes in fees, problems with opening the shoreline shellfish beds, budget issues and upcoming Town Meeting information. UNANIMOUSLY approved by voice vote.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Cazeault Seconded: Mr. Loring
@ 1830 hrs; 6:30 PM

Submitted by Nate Murray, Secretary KWC