

Coastal Water Commission
Thursday, March 16, 2006
6:45 PM- 8:00 PM
Town Hall – 290 Tuttle Road

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm

Hartley Brewer mentioned that Paul Belesca would be interested in serving on the Commission now that he has taken over the boatyard. An application would be sent to Mr. Belesca.

II. Tom Burgess Harbor Master Report- Summer 2006

Sgt. Burgess said that GPS coordinates of the moorings were taken last fall and a breakdown between Island and Mainland moorings would be done. He said that a summer coverage schedule was being arranged and that Guy Watson would be covering 2-3 days. Sgt. Burgess was looking at which days would have the most need for coverage and asked for input from the Commission. He added that Officer Richard Brewer would be working out on the Island this summer as well.

Mr. Shane said the Town would be providing harbormaster coverage up to June 30, 2007 then the program would be turned over to the new Town of Chebeague.

III. Issues on the Table for the next 18 months:

- a. **Harbormaster – Moorings & Boating Issues** – The Commission discussed unmarked moorings. Hartley Brewer said that they took GPS readings on all the moorings the boatyard took care of last year. There were 250 moorings of which 50 were left in the water. Mr. Brewer and Sgt. Burgess talked about the towns that require GPS readings on all their moorings. Cumberland does not require this currently. Sgt. Burgess explained the procedure used to determine the owner of an unregistered mooring. There was discussion about how to improve the process so that people register their moorings and what neighboring towns required for their moorings. Mr. Shane said he would ask Yarmouth for the language regarding their mooring requirements.
- b. **Shellfish – Should we combine committees? Licenses for CI & Mainland** – Mr. Shane asked the Commission what they thought about combining the Shellfish and Coastal Waters Commissions and asked for input on what they would like to see after secession. Ken Hamilton said that historically, the commission was comprised of Mainland and Island residents and he would like that to continue. There was discussion regarding shellfish and claming allocations. Sgt. Burgess explained that a town is required to have a warden who would need to perform certain duties otherwise the State would take over the flats and anyone with a State license could dig there. Mr. Shane said he would like a recommendation from the Coastal Waters Commission regarding the future of the shellfish program. After some discussion Mr. Shane said he would notify the Town Council that the Commission recommends that the Shellfish and Coastal Waters

Commissions remain as they are until communications are established between the new Town of Chebeague and the Town of Cumberland and the possibility of a joint standing committee be explored. The Commission also discussed the issue of setting allocations for next year and the need to breakdown the number of licenses pulled by the Mainland and Island residents and commercial and residential so that the flats are not over extended.

- c. **Coastal Waters Conference at the Samoset Inn** – Jim Millinger, Lewis Incze, John Williams and Tom Burgess were planning to attend the conference. Registration would be completed and confirmations sent out via email.
- d. **Small Harbor Grant Program** – Mr. Shane noted that the deadline for submissions to the S.H.I.P. program was April 7, 2006. He felt that the program would primarily pertain to projects on the Island and he asked the Commission to think about whether there might be any projects they should submit for consideration. Items that might be eligible for funding were planking at Bennett’s Cove to protect a power cable that goes out to Long Island and future float replacements. The only issue he could foresee would be matching funding from the new Town of Chebeague.

IV. Other Business & Future Meetings

- a. **Other Business** – Sgt. Burgess updated the Commission regarding an aquaculture lease renewal application for Mark Green. He said Mr. Green was reducing the size of the float requested off of Sturdivant and there would be another hearing coming up. One concern about the application was that there is some sort of lighting to let people know the float is there and Sgt. Burgess said that Mr. Green was willing to add to the plan.
- b. **Future Meetings** – No meeting date was set. Mr. Shane would notify the Commission when the Town receives applications for floats, wharves, docks or piers.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Stroud
Executive Secretary