



COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
6:00 PM
East Conference Room

Committee Members:
David Witherill, Chairman
Mike Schwindt, Vice Chairman
David Carlson
Hugh Judge
Richard Thompson
Ivy Frignoca
Robert Johnson
Peter Garsoe

Town Staff:
Tom Gruber
Mark Segrist
Robert Vail
Charles Rumsey
Jean Duchesneau

Present: Vice Chairman Mike Schwindt, David Carlson, Robert Johnson, Hugh Judge, Richard Thompson and Ivy Frignoca
Absent: Chairman David Witherill and Peter Garsoe
Town Staff: Charles Rumsey, Chief of Police; Jean Duchesneau, Recording Secretary
Guests:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Mike Schwindt at 6:00 p.m.

II. Adopt the October 27, 2021 Minutes

Motion: To approve the October 27, 2021 Minutes
Moved by: Richard Thompson
Seconded by: Hugh Judge
Vote: Unanimous

III. Mooring Allocation 2022

Chief Rumsey presented the commission with his mooring and dinghy dockage fee comparison / recommendations. After a brief discussion, the commission decided to increase the mooring allocations from 35 to 38 and to increase the mooring fees of residents and nonresidents, as well as add dingy dockage fees.

Motion: Motion to increase the mooring allocations from 35 to 38 for 2022.
Moved by: Robert Johnson
Seconded by: Richard Thompson
Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Motion to increase residential mooring fee to \$150 and add the residential dinghy dockage fee of \$50 per year and to increase the nonresidential mooring fee to \$300 and add the nonresidential dinghy dockage fee of \$100 per season to keep in line with the submitted report to cover the Harbormaster operational costs.
Moved by: Richard Thompson
Seconded by: Hugh Judge
Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Motion to allow Mike Schwindt to review the town ordinances and to recommend proposed changes where necessary to implement these fees.
Moved by: Ivy Frignoca
Seconded by: Robert Johnson
Vote: Unanimous

IV. Report from Ivy Frignoca on various climate change topics

Ivy shared an email she sent to Chairman David Witherill with the Coastal Water Commission members and a discussion took place regarding the items listed below.

- Possibility of DMR hosting a meeting, perhaps along with the Maine Sea Grant to discuss the issues arising with respect aquaculture lease siting in Casco Bay. DMR is at half-staff at this time so a ZOOM regional meeting may be the best option.
- Climate control and the role (if any) of the Coastal Waters Commission
 - Sea level rise and increased storm surge regarding dock proposals
- Phase 2 of the Town's Climate Action Plan
 - Cumberland should identify town staff to participate in the Casco Bay Regional Shellfish Working Group and the GPCOG projects.
 - Cumberland should consider appointing a Coastal Resilience Task Force composed of Town staff and volunteers to develop these preliminary recommendations into actions that the Town might or should take to protect its coastal resources for the benefit of the environment and all residents.
 - Cumberland should identify all data sources related to its coastal resources and ensure that the data become part of the Casco Bay Regional Shellfish Working Group's data portal and GPCOG's data portal to consolidate the most relevant, available, regional data for use in resilience planning.
 - Cumberland should identify data gaps and means to fill those gaps.
 - Cumberland should designate Town staff to participate in the GPCOG planning process. GPCOG was awarded a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grant to help Casco Bay coastal towns develop local and regional plans intended to help our coastal resources be resilient to the most severe aspects of climate change.
 - Cumberland could evaluate the financial harm that will occur to its tax base and assets if it does not act, to balance the cost of action against inaction.
 - Cumberland should designate a Town staff person to track and participate in state reform of coastal land use laws and regulations.
 - Cumberland should adopt a pesticide and fertilizer ordinance.
 - Cumberland should continue to monitor and track the health of our coastal habitats. Healthy marsh and beach grasses and eelgrass trap carbon and help reduce our carbon footprint.
 - Cumberland should incorporate climate change considerations into management of its shellfisheries, including the impacts of rising water temperatures, nuisance algal blooms, green crab populations, coastal acidification and more.

V. Old/New Business

Chief Rumsey stated Bill Shane had spoken with Representative Moriarty about meeting to discuss our aquaculture concerns. Representative Moriarty would be available after the holidays. Ivy stated that it is possible that a ZOOM meeting could be set up for a regional meeting with Marcy Nelson from DMR, and other interested parties. Also, we would need to follow the new remote meeting policy. Chief Rumsey stated he could reach out to Bill to try to organize a few dates that may work for a meeting/workshop.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by,
Jean Duchesneau, Recording Secretary