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Waterways Committee

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Waterways Committee Meeting Minutes December 16, 2025

A meeting of the Town of Barnstable Waterways Committee was held via Zoom as approved by the Town Manager with the Committee's approval.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster. The quorum was confirmed, and Paul Everson, Chairman read the following notice at the beginning of the meeting. NOTICE OF RECORDING "Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on Town of Barnstable's Government Access Channel and Website, and in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s. 20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known.

Roll Call:

Board Members present:

Paul Everson, Chairman
Jacob Angelo
Gregory Egan

Absent:

Gary Shramek
Todd Walantis

Town Staff Present:

Brian Taylor, Harbormaster (HM)
Jay Horn, Deputy Harbormaster, Mooring Officer
Mary Anne Burke, MEA Administrative Assistant

Public:

Scott Mullin, John O'Dea, Jennifer and Mark Bunnell.

II. Act on Minutes/Notes:

Paul Everson entertained a motion to accept the minutes from November 18, 2025, as written. Todd Walantis made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Gregory Egan - second. All in favor.

III. Notices of Intent (NOI):

1. Applicant: WYC Sailing Education Foundation Project location: 101 Bridge St, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 093, parcel 033).

Proposed to replace the existing boat ramp. No dredge. Representing the WYC John O' Day. This is replacing the existing boat ramp within the original footprint. Getting aged- exploratory idea replacing it keeping the curve down the middle. Staying within the existing footprint. Not going deeper into the water. No questions, Gregory Eagan motion to approve as presented. Jacob Anfelo seconded. All in favor.

2. PUBLIC NOTICE OF WATERWAYS APPLICATION NO. 25-WW01-0195-APP Town of Barnstable, Various Channels (Barnstable Harbor, Hyannis Harbor, Lewis Bay, Centerville Harbor, Three Bays, Prince Cove).

Brian Taylor, Harbormaster, representing the Town of Barnstable Public-Chapter 91 filed with the state the 10-year dredge permit. The town has notified all the abutters that would be impacted by any type of dredging – this is just public notice with the MA DEP. Chaiman Everson commented he loves to see the master plan moving forward.

3. Applicant: Laura Beth, Trustee, 364 Wianno Avenue Trust
Project Location: 270 East Bay Rd, Osterville, MA 02655 (map 163, parcel 010)

John O Dea – the request is a boardwalk crossing a salt marsh along East Bay Road. There are 5 existing piers – headed to the East – all waterfront lots - the piers were created for the lands across from the street. The ramp and float would extend 33’ below low tide. This is a non- motored only 90’ to the closest mooring. All piers extend along a similar distance.

Given the distance to the boat ramp all piers extend a similar distance – there is a reasonable line following.

270 East Bay Rd is also owned by the applicant at **364 Wianno Avenue (46 ‘) it right in line to the docks to the east.**

Entertain a motion to accept as presented.

Chairman Everson – made a motion accept.

Gregory Eagan – accepted.

Jacob Angelo - declined the motion on his end – he voted against it.

The motion passed.

IV. MOORING APPEALS: *None*

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Commercial slips in Barnstable Harbor. Harbormaster Brian Taylor has had preliminary conversation with some of the state attorneys in regard to the state regulations – on the law library – regarding maintaining the wait lists. Harbormaster needs to present this topic to legal. Harbormaster Taylor is doing research and gathering more data- it is in the hallmark phase. Mooring regulations and state statute do not look the same as marina- some of the slips are considered hard property. Harbormaster Taylor wants to keep this on the agenda for next month.
2. **Shared the update the Marina Slips Fee has been approved by Town Manager.** New marina slip fees for 2026 will be reflective on the

Town of Barnstable web site and in the 2026 marina contacts. This was accepted by the Town Manager (hearing was held on November 13th 11:00am).

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Blish Point - Barnstable Harbor dredging update/start Date Dec 20th. Will be dredging Blish. At times individuals may have to wait on either side of the tides. Information went out to the commercial fisherman for them to be advised. All marinas have been advised.
2. Discussion on the Town's Commercial fishing/ aquaculture mooring regulations regarding the references to three topics email rec'd on 12/3/25 at 1:50 pm
 - a. Commercial fishing/aquaculture moorings
 - b. Establish the Scudder Lane mooring field as a commercial mooring area
 - c. Remove limits on number of aquaculture moorings

Dialogue followed on these topics.

Jay Horn proposed a workshop with committee members to speak in depth – there are some issues with this proposal as far as the local by laws pertaining to wait lists. He works very closely with the Natural Resources – growing the program and adding permits. Does it though the GIS program.

Jacob Angelo proposed establishing a new class of moorings. for commercial aquaculture mornings.

Harbormaster Taylor reminded all that the full regulation of where we are going needs to go to a workshop following **Massachusetts General Law Chapter 91 Section 10A.**

Greg Eagan: gave this topic back to the Harbormaster office for future discussion. Will keep it on the agenda and after the renewal season bring it forward.

3. Marina newsletter: Harbormaster Taylor wrote a newsletter on highlights on what was accomplished in 2025 at Marinas.
4. Notifications sent to waitlist holders. Deputy Harbormaster Jay Horn sent out data- and was rec'd very positive.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE: *None*

VIII. HARBORMASTER REPORT: we are in mooring renewal; season. Soft launch this week for all to be able to upload the documents to their accounts. We put this out early because there are a lot of moving parts - various departments in the MEA utilize the same system. We are here to help. Starting January 1st, we can start to approve moorings and will get stickers delivered.

IX. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:
None

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairmen Paul J. Everson entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. EST.

Gregory Egan – so moved.
Jacob Angelo – second.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Burke
MEA Administrative Assistant
Town of Barnstable

