

Town of North Hempstead
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes

Date of Meeting: **1/13/14**

Location: **Supervisors Conference Room**

Members:

Richard Raskin – P	William Cornachio – P
Chris Gasiorek – A	Guy M. La Motta – A
Victor Sostar – P	John Thompson – A
Steven F. Wachter – A	Ken Weigand – P
Jennifer Wilson-Pines – A	Barbara Scheid – P

Town Officials & Staff:

- Councilwoman Dina M. DeGiorgio - **P**
- Commissioner Andrew DeMartin - **P**
- Planning Commissioner Michael A. Levine (Kevin Braun)- **P**
- Joel Ziev-**P**
- Cindy Cardinal-**P**
- Mal Nalham-**P**

Guests- Claudia Tholl, Bob Jacobson and Matt Meyran

Start of Meeting: 7:32

Welcome: Councilwoman De Giorgio

-Introduced Cindy Cardinal as Supervisor Bosworths Chief of Staff. The Commission introduced themselves.

Reports:

1. Title of Report: Harbor Master's Report

Presented By – Commissioner De Martin

Winter Storage of Floats –All floats are being checked for permits. We currently have 30 floats. A discussion was had about evaluating the policy regarding storing floats
A discussion was had about complaints from the Bayview Civic Assc about floats.

Old Business:

1. Removal of anode assemblies and other debris from Town Dock Area

Presented By – Councilwoman De Giorgio

Current Status –Deferred

2. Promotion of Town Dock and Surrounding businesses for next boating season

Presented By – Councilwoman De Giorgio

Current Status – Discussion held later in the meeting about BTDC and the Town Dock Brochure and other marketing programs to promote Port Washington and other waterfront businesses.

3. Status of repairs to Manorhaven boat ramp

Presented By – Commissioner De Martin

Current Status – A long term repair would cost several million dollars. Temporary repair is unlikely.

A discussion took place about aquatic sand removal funded by Sandy relief funds. Comm DeMartin is confident that this project will be done this year. Testing is being done around the Town Dock to determine the cost of removing sand/silt immediately surrounding the Town Dock

New Business:

1. Promoting waterfront business and tourism in P.W. with BTDC

Presented By – Councilwoman De Giorgio

Current Status -- There was a discussion about revamping the Town Dock Brochure. It was suggested that if there are any ideas, send emails and form a brochure sub-committee. There will be a focus on the Town Dock, Mooring rentals and Yacht Clubs. The Councilwoman will email the committee if the project moves ahead. The use of an app was suggested and a code on the pamphlet directing people to the information online was suggested..

2. Update on Status of permits issued for mooring fields and proper procedure

Presented By: Commissioner De Martin

Current Status— The Parks Dept issues the Town Dock mooring permits. The Perimeter Permits are issued by the Town clerk to the permit holders. The perimeter permit holders provide a list of boats within the field. The Bay Constable audits the field with the records to be sure the information is correct. Manorhaven Permits are issued through the Manorhaven Village Clerk and they send ½ the fee + the permits to ToNH. Beacon Hill Home Owners Assc has no perimeter permits, but each boater does file individually.

3. Discussion of recordkeeping for users of transient moorings and using this information to market local businesses

Presented By: Councilwoman De Giorgio

Current Status— It was discussed that the ToNH may want to use information on boaters using transient moorings and Town moorings to promote waterfront businesses. A suggestion was made that the Bay Constable can use the information gathered from the pump out boat, as well.

4. New Dock Application from Beacon Hill Bungalow Corp. 75 West Shore Rd, P.W.

Presented By: Commissioner De Martin

Current Status—241 ft (including 2 floats and gangways)

The Bay Constable and Commissioner De Martin recommended approval and the Army Corp and DEC have issued permits. The Committee concurred and recommends approval.

5. Policy for storing winter floats

Presented By: Commissioner De Martin

Current Status— The residents of the back bay/ Beachway are very upset about the docks being “dumped” on them during the winter months. It was suggested to move the docks more towards the trestle with floats and moorings and to limit items on floats. Comm. DeMartin committed to looking into a solution for this before the next meeting.

6. Final Decisions on New Committee Members and Chairperson designation

Presented By: Councilwoman De Giorgio

Current Status— After the resolution was handed out, it was acknowledged that Matt Meyran will return to the committee. A suggestion was made that Harry Nicholaides fill the vacant seat.

Bill Cornachio will be the Chairperson and move to a two year committee spot and Rich Raskin is moving to the spot occupied by Ron Fink. All existing members will be renewed.

There was further discussion about Harry Nicholaides that resulted in agreement that he is a good addition to the Committee.

The Chairman's responsibilities are to prepare the agenda and to select a Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair will be selected by next meeting, once the Chairman is appointed by the Town Board.

7. Allowing non ToNH residents to launch in ToNH Parks

Presented By: Councilwoman De Giorgio

Current Status— This was a discussion about non ToNH residents to launch boats in ToNH Parks. There will be guidelines. This should be advertised and in the Patch and a Newsletter. The Communications Dept and BTDC will be notified and the fees will have to be set at a Town Board meeting.

Additional Points:

--It was decided that the February meeting will be skipped, but that a March meeting is necessary. Future meeting set for 3/3.

Meeting concluded at 9:35pm