



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 4, 2009 Minutes

Town Hall

Attending: Chairman Needham, Al Loreto, George Zinger, James Eklund, Marc Wein, Bill Geraghty, Mike Anglin, Town Liaisons: Councilman Peter Reich, Councilman Ed Brown

Others Present: Pat Hunt, Emory Breiner

Meeting opened at 7:04 PM.

Next meeting scheduled Monday, June 1, 2009.

Correspondence:

Letter dated May 4, 2009, from P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee.

Briefing by Town Liaison, Councilman Reich:

Councilman Reich reported that the Town Clerk has received applications to swap moorings and is inquiring if this type of application really requires the scheduling of a Public Hearing. He asked the WMAC to consider this request and discuss possible changes to policy.

Councilman Reich stated the only official waiting list is kept by the Town Clerk for Dering Harbor, with a fee of \$20 per year. He stated that Pete Bethge kept an unofficial waiting list for Silver Beach Lagoon. He suggested that if someone wants to be placed on a waiting list for any other areas, the WMAC should consider creating waiting lists with the same \$20 fee per year.

The WMAC reviewed and discussed the current policy and the current fee and agreed to contemplate this further and table this discussion until the next meeting.

Permits Applications:

Douglas Rilling: Address: 59 North Menantic Road

WMAC reviewed and discussed this application to relocate W2698 Stake, Mooring & Pulley System #19 to #4 Daniel Lord Road.

WMAC recommends approval of this application, 7 in favor, 0 opposed

Richard Kelly: Address: 92 Gardiners

WMAC reviewed and discussed this application for Riparian Mooring in Gardiners Bay taking over Dr. Kelly.

WMAC recommends approval of this application, 7 in favor, 0 opposed

Peter Johnson: Address: 54C West Neck Road

WMAC reviewed and discussed this application for a Private Mooring in West Neck Bay near West Neck Road.

WMAC recommends approval of this application, 7 in favor, 0 opposed

Anne Bennett Byers & Russell Byers: Address: 54 Tuthill Drive

WMAC reviewed and discussed this application for a Riparian Mooring located in front of house, parallel to Church dock, as close as possible to former location, which expired in 2002.

WMAC recommends approval of this application, 7 in favor, 0 opposed

Little Ram LLC: Address: 24 Little Ram Island Drive

WMAC noted that the requested revised plans to former application showing the overall length from the mean high water mark to the end of the fixed dock, 94', and to the end of the proposed "L", 100', and plans for a 3' wide beach access stairway, had been submitted to the Town

American Direct, LLC c/o Rich Hogan.: Address: 1 Shorewood Court

WMAC reviewed and discussed revised application showing the 100' offset line parallel to mean high water, a speck sheet on the proposed davits and a Hardship Letter.

6 members of the WMAC recommend this application be scaled back, in regard to the length, the L, and the davits be replaced by whips, 1 member recommends approval as application is submitted. Member Loreto stated that he does not want to see pilings driven between April 15 – November 1, due to the fish habitat in the area.

Joseph Sieglebaum: Address: 149 N. Ram Island Drive

WMAC reviewed and discussed this application for a Private Mooring located in Coecles Harbor ~ 159' south off beach, approximately 200' west of Stern C10802 Mooring formally Micand C1667.

WMAC recommends approval of this application, 3 in favor, 3 Abstain (AL, JN, WG), 1 Recused (MA), 0 opposed. Member Loreto suggested this application be tabled, as it was distributed this evening, until the WMAC has an opportunity to visit the site to see if eel grass is present.

William Pedersen: Address: 91 Ram Island Drive

WMAC reviewed and discussed this application for a Private Mooring located in Coecles Harbor ~120' N of Mooring Pedersen C2606.

WMAC recommends approval of this application, 4 in favor, 2 Abstain (AL, WG), 1 Recused (MA), 0 opposed. Member Loreto suggested this application be tabled, as it was distributed this evening, until the WMAC has an opportunity to visit the site to see if eel grass is present.

Dennis Coyle: Address: 5 Sheeppasture Lane

WMAC reviewed and discussed this application for Stake, Mooring and Pulley System located in Coecles Harbor at Captain Bob's Landing ~85' east of beach. Proposed site formerly C-2361.

WMAC recommends approval of this application, 6 in favor, 1 Recused (MA), 0 opposed.

New Business:

Peconic Estuary Program:

Chairman Needham reported on the Peconic Estuary meeting he attended, stating that the Peconic Estuary Program has money to design habitat restoration projects, and although eel grass was suggested by many, they chose to put the eel grass project aside because there is little understanding as to what makes an eel grass bed successful or unsuccessful. He continued to say that they are reluctant to spend money on eel grass restoration while they cannot understand why it may thrive in one place and not in another.

Old Business:

Wades Beach Boat Storage:

The WMAC agreed that their recommendation has been received by the Town Board, and now the Town Board needs to take action.

Daniel Lord Road:

Member Zinger reported that there is no eel grass at this location and therefore is recommending the installation of finger dock with the proposed dimensions of 50 feet long, 32 ½ inches wide, 4 feet above mean low water, located adjacent to the west edge of the concrete ramp.

New Business:

Crab Creek Dredging:

Chairman Needham reported that the Silver Beach Association has a permit approved by the DEC with an estimate of \$14,000 from Costello Marine to be scheduled this fall. He continued to report that the Association is asking for the Town to pay this expense.

Member Loreto stated that the dredging is just to allow the Creek to flush. He also stated that the two previous Town Supervisors had promised that the Town would be financially responsible for the dredging if the Association obtained the DEC Permit. He also stated that there is a Town Landing which is used by everyone mostly for kayaks and canoes, and he opined that the Town should take care of it.

WMAC recommends approval of the Town using Waterways Funds to pay for the dredging costs of Crab Creek, 7 approved, 0 opposed.

Stuart Parr Dock Application: Address: 43 Shore Road

Councilman Reich reported that the applicant had approval for an 8,000 lb boat, and has since replaced it with a 25,000 lb boat. He also reported that Mr. Parr has received a summons and has until May 6 to submit an application to the Town before receiving another summons.

Chairman Needham asked the WMAC to review this situation and to consider and to comment on alternatives.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle LiCausi, Clerk to the WMAC