



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
SHELTER ISLAND
NEW YORK**

WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 5, 2009 Minutes

Town Hall

Members Present: Chairman Needham, George Zinger, Marc Wein, Mike Anglin, James Eklund, Bill Geraghty, Al Loreto

Members Excused: Town Liaisons: Councilman Peter Reich, Councilman Ed Brown

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of September 3, 2009 were approved.

Next meeting scheduled **November 2, 2009.**

Briefing by Town Liaison, Councilman Reich:

Councilman Reich and Councilman Brown were excused this evening.

New Business:

Corky Diefendorf/Mashomack:

Mr. Diefendorf addressed the WMAC reporting that the Town of Shelter Island was told that only Peconic Bay Estuary clams would be seeded in Shelter Island Waters. He stated that he is here to ask for the approval of the WMAC to seed native white clams from Oyster Bay in two beds in Coecles Harbor and one bed in West Neck Bay this fall.

He stated that he is looking for approval from the WMAC first, before approaching the Town Board.

He stated that the white clams are native to Long Island, fast growers, and proven by hatcheries to be more reproductive. Scientific data and graphs showing the development and reproduction of the clams in the hatcheries were shared with the WMAC, demonstrating that condition index testing shows these white clams from Oyster Bay are very fertile and do the best wherever they are placed. He noted that these clams have already been seeded in Sag Harbor.

He reported that these clams have been DEC tested to be free of QPX disease, and are in the Peconic Bays now. All major clam beds in New York are tested for QPX.

He stated that he has been raising shellfish since 2002, now primarily clams and scallops, because oysters are doing well on their own. He stated that they will still continue seeding the red clams from Cornell.

WMAC agreed to recommend approval of seeding these white clams from Oyster Bay in two beds in Coecles Harbor and one bed in West Neck Bay.

WMAC Minutes:

The WMAC agreed that all future minutes will contain brief summaries of the issues reviewed and discussed, motions that are made, and any actions taken by the WMAC, but will not contain specific comments made by the members.

Silver Beach Lagoon Ramp:

Chairman Needham reported that Councilman Reich stated that someone backed their car down the ramp at Silver Beach Lagoon and went off the end ramp causing severe damage to their car and submitted a bill to the Town for approximately \$2,500.

Chairman Needham further reported that it was requested by Councilman Reich, that the WMAC discuss this issue to determine if any precautions need to be taken by the Town.

A member clarified that it was a trailer that went off the end of the ramp; and when it was pulled back out, the wheel got stuck under the ramp and was pulled off.

Chairman Needham stated that Councilman Reich requested the following precautions be reviewed and discussed for consideration: 1) Post warning signs; 2) Extend the ramp further to bottom; 3) Put signs on posts in water marking the end of the ramp; 4) Put a curb stop at end of ramp; 5) Do nothing, as people need to be cautious and accountable for their own actions; 6) Any other suggestions.

The WMAC reviewed and discussed these suggestions and agreed that people need to take caution and responsibility for their actions, and that signs indicating the end of the ramp might be appropriately placed on the corners of the ramp.

Permits Applications:

Walter Richards: Address: 17 Osprey Road

WMAC reviewed and discussed this application for a mooring relocation Permit #W2812.

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

Lawrence Staebler: Address: 9 Dickerson Drive

WMAC reviewed and discussed this application to construct 4'x24' access ramp; 4'x100' fixed dock with 32"x16' seasonal ramp and 6'x20' seasonal float secured with four 8" diameter piling. Install two 8" diameter mooring pilings.

WMAC does NOT recommend approval of this application as submitted due to setback issues, length issues and inappropriate location, 0 in favor of this application, 7 opposed to this application.

Anne Taranto: Address: 90 Gardiners Bay Drive

WMAC reviewed and discussed this application to construct 110' low profile rock revetment using 2 to 4 ton rock following the toe of the bank from the northwest tapering to grade to the southeast.

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

Winthrop Manor Limited: Address: 13 Winthrop Road

WMAC reviewed and discussed this application to reconstruct 643 LF timber bulkhead, vinyl sheets, same location; construct 20 LF return; replace 550 CY of lost fill with sand from upland source; reconstruct 8 feet wide by 257 feet long dock with nine finger piers, CCA piles, CCA stringers, fir deck; relocate three existing dingy floats to depth of -2.5 at apparent low water, install four anchor piles for dingy floats.

WMAC recommends approval of this application with clarification on the dingy dock, confirmation that it existed prior to code, and confirmation that it is Zone B, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Abstain.

Old Business:

Daniel Lord Landing Boarding Jetty:

Chairman Needham stated that he has nothing new to report.

Ramp Maintenance:

The WMAC discussed the ramp maintenance priority chart they worked on and submitted to the Town, questioning if that initiated the start of any repairs. Chairman Needham indicated that he had no updates to report.

Review Chapter 90:

The WMAC reviewed the four charges by the Town Board, which were: to identify the WMAC objections to the draft local law, decide if private mooring fees need to be modified, decide if rental/commercial mooring fees need to be modified, and decide if there should be another category of moorings for non-profit.

The subcommittee stated that they believe the redefining of rental moorings does not make sense. They suggested that rental moorings should be left as rental moorings and that a new category called not-for-profits should be created. They suggested that camps, which would be in this category, might have the stipulation that the moorings be used exclusively to service their own fleet. The WMAC reviewed and discussed these suggestions, posing various scenarios, and agreed that these are outside waters, a non profit organization, and the moorings would be for the exclusive use of the sailing camp.

Floats:

The WMAC discussed complaints received regarding the installation of floats on Fresh Pond, and Chairman Needham indicated that he would pass this information on to Councilman Reich.

GIS:

The suggestion was made that Peter Reich notify the WMAC if he is not going to be able to attend a meeting, so that a computer can be brought to the meeting for viewing the GIS.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle LiCausi, Clerk to the WMAC