



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND  
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**WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
January 21, 2016 Minutes  
Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Chairman John Needham, Al Loreto, James Eklund, George Zinger, Bill Geraghty, Marc Wein, Town Liaison Councilman Paul Shepherd

Member Excused: Mike Anglin

**Others Present:** Julie Lane, Ian McDonald, Jack Costello, Jim Colligan

Meeting opened at 6:05 pm.

Minutes of December 7, 2015 were approved.

**Next Meeting is scheduled for MONDAY, February 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM.**

**Correspondence:**

Peter Reich sent a report via email, on mooring totals that Chairman Needham requested. He was asked to calculate and give a snapshot of the Waterways Fund and the number of moorings. Snapshot is attached.

**Briefing by Town Liaison, Councilman Shepherd:**

No report this month.

**Permit Applications:**

**A. Marijane W. Schrader – 74 Ram Island Drive**

Dock Application.

**WMAC recommended approval of this dock application 6-0-1 (M.A. absent)**

**B. Rob Bethge and Melissa Shepstone – 5 Wheeler Drive**

Dock Application.

Members stated that the narrowness of the channel is an issue in approving this application. Member Bill Geraghty cited from 53.11.c(1) concerning the mean low water distance. Members James Eklund and George Zinger agreed that they need the dimensions at low water to low water across the width of the lagoon. Chairman John Needham noted that it looks like it is measured starting at high water. Member Bill Geraghty reiterated that that the measurement they need is the mean low water, 15%, from shore line to shore line. Member Al Loreto said that it goes beyond the code especially when measured at low water.

Chairman John Needham stated that this plan does not meet the requirements of the code and the applicants are going to need some relief for this application.

**The WMAC tabled this dock application until dimensions and other images at low water are submitted so the committee can have a better view of the proposed project.**

**C. Scott Laton – 4 Bayshore Drive**

Mooring Permit Application.

**WMAC recommended approval of this mooring permit application 6-0-1 (M.A. absent)**

**D. Holly G. Aronew – 47 H Foxen Creek Rd.**

Mooring Permit Application.

**WMAC recommended approval of this mooring permit application 6-0-1 (M.A. absent)**

**E. Shelter Island Yacht Club – 12 Chequit Avenue**

After much discussion about the yacht club being under the commercial code, and now proposing an offshore extension off their existing dock, a pump out station was suggested and received positively by the WMAC members. Member Marc Wein offered to bring up the pump out station at the next yacht club marine committee meeting.

**The WMAC voted 5 -1-1(Absent M.A.) with one member having issue with the dock expansion out into the harbor.**

**F. Congdon Point, LLC – 34A N. Cartwright Rd.**

Dock Application.

**WMAC recommended approval of this mooring permit application 6-0-1 (M.A. absent)**

**Old Business**

**Silver Beach Lagoon Improvements Update**

The WMAC discussed and took into consideration community members input, recommending removing of all gear, inspection of what gears to put back in, 4 pilings be installed, and a maintenance dredging permit be obtained to dredge the area by the Town as soon as possible.

**Lightcap Application Update**

Jack Costello stated that Mr. Lightcap is willing to remove the south dock, so he can install the splash boards. The WMAC has issues with a structure that is unattached and out in the water that sets a precedent that they have never approved before. Chairman Needham stated it is beyond the code limits. Jack Costello contends that the foot print of the area has been decreased significantly since the Clarks owned it and neighbors are in support of this splash board install.

Members are not sure how much positive impact the splash guard will have. Councilman Paul Shepherd inquired about the precedent of the application. Member James Eklund considered approving the application with the give backs and that the splash guard is in line with the length of the already existing pilings. Chairman Needham reiterated that the dock is grossly nonconforming and the code clearly prohibits alterations or additions to non-conforming structures.

After Jack Costello offered to give up the boat lift too, some members were willing to think about a compromise to approve this application.

**The WMAC is tabling this application until next meeting to consider Lightcap's offering to remove the south dock and the boat lift.**

**New Business**

none.

Meeting closed at 8:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Flynn

Clerk - WMAC