



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
October 5, 2015 Minutes
Town Hall**

Members Present: Chairman Needham, Mike Anglin, Al Loreto, James Eklund, George Zinger, Bill Geraghty, Marc Wein, Town Liaison Councilman Peter Reich, Town Liaison Councilman Ed Brown
Others Present: Julie Lane, Brian Sweeney, Mr. Diefendorf

Meeting opened at 6:01 pm.
Minutes of September 10, 2015 were approved.

Next Meeting is scheduled for MONDAY, November 2, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Correspondence: none.

Briefing by Town Liaison, Councilman Reich:

On the Town Board Agenda will be scallop permits. Based on recommendations by, Bay Constable Butch Labrozzi, to change the code, the opening of scallop season will be moved to coincide with the DEC's date. Also to be discussed is the digger's permit. Right now it is 5 bushels a boat. We are recommending 5 bushels not by the boat, but by the permit. Reich was contacted by NYS in regards to the eel grass in Coecles Harbor. They are studying the meadows in Coecles Harbor as there is no growth of eel grass west of Shelter Island.

Permit Applications:

A. Norman Mooney: 22 Glynn Drive

Private Mooring Permit Application

WMAC recommended approval of this Mooring Application 7-0.

B. Schoefler/Norris: Address: 38 Brander Parkway

Private Mooring Application

WMAC recommended approval of this Mooring Application 7-0.

C. Woodward: Address: 10 Tuthill Drive

Private Riparian Mooring Permit Application.

WMAC recommended approval of this Mooring Application 7-0.

D. Nelson Bogart: West Neck Road Town Landing

Stake, Mooring and Pulley System.

After much discussion on where to place this stake, the committee wants to finish gridding first so they can get a better look at the SMP Survey for good place.

WMAC recommended tabling this application.

Old Business

Silver Beach Lagoon Improvements Update

George Hammarth of the DEC, Jay Card, Councilman Peter Reich and Chairman Needham are meeting to discuss this project on October 15, 2015.

Gridding SMPs on Town Property

Committee members have started to survey and review current and possible new SMP locations. Member Loreto commented that every Town landing has a neighbor and the Town needs to be respectful of the neighbors and be courteous of where it is putting these SMP's. Councilman Peter Reich stated the highest demand for more SMPs is in West Neck, Daniel Lord, and Montclair. The Committee reviewed a portion of the Town Landings. Beam and length of a boat are being considered in determining the amount of SMP's at Town Landings. This review is to be continued at future meetings.

Lightcap Update

Discussion tabled: waiting for a re-design.

Riparian Moorings

Chairman Needham asked Member Loreto to lead the discussion on riparian moorings. Loreto stated that if you are a waterfront property owner, and you have a riparian mooring and you apply for a second mooring you have to give up the riparian mooring- it seems unfair. Mr. Sweeney, an audience member, spoke saying that when he goes to the clerk to apply for an additional mooring you are told to give it up. Anglin said that we made it boat specific. You have to show necessity for an additional mooring. Loreto reiterated that it is denying your ability to have a guest use the mooring. Chairman Needham said it could be re-examined. There was much discussion on right to access the water. Councilman Reich said it is a policy not a code. Mr. Sweeney said it is a "right" and we don't think it should be taken away. Marc Wein discussed incidents of homeowners renting out their riparian moorings. Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Diefendorf re-emphasized that if you have two boats, you don't have to use your riparian mooring for one of the boats. Member Anglin also concurred that a riparian mooring is a "right", need should be shown, but the "right" should not be taken away. Member, James Eklund, stated that the water front property owners get a petition together and show the committee their interests. George Zinger offered to use the term "not boat specific mooring" instead of riparian. Geraghty stated that his only concern was putting too big of a boat on it, but having that option is important in case of, for instance, moving boats in a hurricane. Councilman Ed Brown asked the committee if they wanted to make a recommendation to the Board on the "right" to a riparian mooring.

WMAC was poled with a 4-3 in favor to entertain the recommendation that a riparian mooring is a “right” to the property owner. This issue was decided to be tabled till a larger amount of homeowners come back in the spring, to have a more serious discussion.

New Business

Marc Wein recommended that Chairman Needham and Councilman Reich meet to discuss who will take over and be trained on the AV System after Councilman Reich’s tenor is over. Chairman Needham agreed.

Meeting closed at 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Flynn

Clerk - WMAC