

Public Meeting

June 23, 2004  
4:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Kerry Adams, Alice Brock, Heather Bruce, Ann Colbourn, Melville Cote, and Gerard Irmer.

**Members Absent:** none

**Advisory Staff:** Rex McKinsey  
Chris Flavell

**Other Attendees:** Barry Bruce, Tom Dahill, and Elena Hall

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Review/amend/approve minutes of 6/9.**

This subject was tabled since there were many items on the agenda.

**Public Statements**

There were none.

## **Reports:**

### **Harbor Plan Revision Subcommittees**

#### **Review Public Landings Report, revise/accept**

Alice Brock who is doing the public landings handed out a revised Pages 5 thru 11 with page 9 missing. It was decided to deal with this at the next meeting.

#### **Presentation of working model underwater wave attenuation device by James Costa ---- 15 mins.**

James Costa thanked the Committee for giving him the opportunity to present his plan for an underwater wave attenuator. It would be a 600 ft sea wall that would sit on the ocean floor and is activated by the Harbormaster during a storm. This type is used in Japan and New York. It is comprised of being an inflated pipe filled with air which negates the wave action. It can be fastened to the ocean floor with helix systems and will only come up off the bottom and protect the landings in case of an impending storm. It is inexpensive to maintain and putting it into a shell which looked like a corrugated pipe and will serve to protect the air bags contained within. The total height of the deflated wave attenuator would be 5 feet.

Chris Flavell was asked for his input and he said the only negative problem in the plan would be the navigational hazard that might be encountered. Engineers suggest putting reflectors on it; it would have to be lit according to Christ Flavell and may also need hazard markings.

Barry and Heather had questions about sand build up and then Heather wanted to know if it could withstand a hurricane.

Jerry wondered sensibly about maintenance and asked about the failing of the pipe. James said that maintenance is a simple repair with a diver and his company would be willing to provide a service contract.

Chris said he feels it's a very good idea and the only downside is navigation; the problem mainly would be after a storm when you're waiting for the wave attenuator to deflate. The cost estimate, according to James Costa, would be \$600 to \$800K. At the very most it would be under one million dollars.

The form for this proposal has to go to the desk of David Guertin. James Costa invited the Committee over to his shop. It would be premature for fall town meeting but may be considered at the April 2005 meeting.

The Harbor Committee thanked Mr. Costa for his presentation.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Nothing was in that category.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Ann Maguire's property – Nos. W96-8240, 77, 77A, 79, 81 Commercial:**

Alice Brock told the Committee that she had called Coastal Engineering because she was trying to

match the plan to the prices involved. She then said she went with Ann Colbourn to speak to Ann Maguire about her plans and were told by Ann, “Oh but these are the old plans.” They then told her to get Wm. Rogers II to draw up the new plans. We should have some available at the next meeting.

### **Chapter 91 Licensing:**

Chris said that some of the processes have been streamlined and the state doesn't have the time to study each Chapter 91 license. Kerry wondered why these people who are concerned don't get notification. Chris Flavell recommended having the Harbor Committee (HC) send a letter to the owners telling them their property will be discussed.

### **Review WWL No. W96-8166-N, 109 Commercial St., Salvan Family**

Jerry didn't see any need to get them in here. We've already sent a letter in regarding this property.

### **Review WWL No. W96-8203-N, 51 Commercial St., Thomas Dahill**

Tom Dahill was in attendance. He was shown 4 comments on his property. It has gone into the state with no response back from them.

### **Review WWL No. W96-8213-N, 53 Commercial St., Thomas Dahill**

A great deal of verbal sparring was conducted by Tom, Rex McKinsey, and Alice Brock. Tom Dahill cited several reasons he couldn't comply with the Chapter 91 specifications. The 5 ft passageway across his deck would lead to problems with his insurance carrier. No one seems to have made up their minds about his property and he wasn't even notified the first time his property came up for review.

Alice pounded home the Schofield line and asked why it should affect her and not him? Tom countered by giving a mini history lesson on his property and its history of being a Salt Works then selling land to the Town for the parking area, etc. and on and on.

### **Review WWL Transmittal No. W 033082, Flyer's Boat Shop and Rental, Inc.,**

Ann Colbourn, an employee of Flyer's Boat Shop, stepped down from the Committee. The discussion went round and round repeating what had been previously discussed and previously explained. The full explanations can be found in previous minutes. Arguments are the same and findings are the same. It was determined that most of the pump-out expenses are fully reimbursed by grants.

### **New Business:**

### **WW Application Nos. W96-6045, 387-395A, 397, 401A Commercial St., Hall**

Jerry said he contacted the state and got a letter July 1<sup>st</sup> regarding the two properties under new business for the HC's review. Heather Bruce – as she did in the past – championed Elena Hall and was appalled at the need to supply a 10 foot wide walkway. Rex McKinsey said that when he was Chair of the HC they recommended the walkway since the property was comprised of three different parcels of land. Should the three parcels eventually be sold separately then the new owners would each go for new Chapter 91 licenses and i.e. – each one may be asked to provide a 3 ft. walkway? Since it is three parcels the 10 feet doesn't seem excessive. Heather says it's so arbitrary that it's laughable. This property is sure to be revisited again and again. Kerry Adams said he wants clarification from the state on their findings.

### **WW Application Nos. W96-8240, 77, 77A, 79, 81 Commercial St., Maguire**

After a bit more discussion the following was decided:

**Motion: Kerry Adams made a motion to table this case until plans are determined. Ann Colbourn seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.**

Jerry reminded the group of a joint meeting scheduled with the Board of Selectmen to review the Mission Statement for the Harbor Committee. The Town Manager wants to know when the HC can meet with the BoS.

**Setup next meeting: Wed. July 7**

**WRONG – THE NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>!  
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

Adjournment happened at 6:16 p.m. with a request from both Kerry Adams and Jerry Irmer that all future meetings conclude at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Evelyn Gaudiano*

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Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.  
Jerry Irmer