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Weymouth Waterfront Meeting Minutes.
Date 02/16/2023

Present: George Mutch, Nancy Blazo, Pat O'leary, Frank Geary, Paul Brooks, Ed Yakubian, Karen Graham, Jim Sullivan, town guest

Docs Referenced in Discussions:

MA-Chapter91 - The Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act: The MassDEP is responsible for enforcing Chapter 91 regulations.

MA-90B: - Commonwealth of Mass Chapter 90B: General Laws on Motorboats, Other Vessels and Recreational Vehicles

Wey-Waterways: Town of Weymouth, Code of Ordinances Chapter 12 "Waterways"

**** Meeting Minutes**

- no minutes to review

**** Harbormaster's Report**

Ed Y.:

- boater safety course the last 2 weeks of March, 12 hrs total (4-3hr classes), approved by the state, no charge, whoever takes it and passes gets issued a boater safety license.

- re beach parking and the Jersey Barriers that were put in:

Weymouth Rec oversees beach and ramp parking area, motivation for Jersey Barriers was due to automated gate system, needed a way to keep vehicles out unless gate fee paid. There are season passes for parking.

- discussion on MA-Chapter91 in regard to private residential piers/docks

MassDEP oversees Chapter 91

How a Chapter 91 license is obtained:

Authorization is required for construction or alteration of residential dock.

Steps involved: Application submitted, Application Approved or denied by MassDEP, if approved the licensee must record license and accompanying plan at the Registry of Deeds(within 60 days?) before any work can be done, then notify MassDEP that license recorded. After the project is completed, MassDEP provides Certificate of Compliance.

The following question were asked:

Can we get a list of all Chapter 91 licenses registered to properties in the town of Weymouth?

Does MassDEP inspect these structures every so often to check condition or that structure is still compliant? Other towns(e.g. Cohasset) have issued guidance handouts on this, what should Weymouth do? Next Steps: TBD

- Waterways Regulation:

Discussion regarding including Chapter 90B into the Wey-Waterways Ordinance(as some other towns have apparently done), implications, plus/minus, etc.: Only Mass Environmental Police(MEP) can write 90B violations, other town officials (e.g. Harbormaster assistants) could not, but could write violations of Wey-Waterways ordinance. Violations of each type are processed differently, etc.

** Beach Walkway
no update

** Launch Ramp Dredging
no update

** Durante Property
no update

** Fore River Trail:

Paul B. :

- Provided more detail on his idea to add signage/storyboards along the path from Abigail Adams birthplace to Abigail Adams state park to capture the history of the area, to highlight old shipbuilding industry on Fore River Ave., the old steamship landing at yacht club, Great Hill, etc. Maybe the Historical committee, Parks and Recreation and DPW could assist with this effort.

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Approved by:  9/25/23
Paul Brooks, Clerk *Dated:*