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**Waterways Commission
Minutes of Meeting
February 12th, 2014**

Members Present: Chairman C. Howard, Vice Chairman D. Parker, W. Hulse, L. Johnston, K. Grignon, A. Cloutier.

Members Absent: D. McCarthy, M. Lambton

Staff Present: Harbormaster T. Clen

Guests Present: Selectman H. Schadt , Selectman W. Bergeron and 2 others.

Public Information: W. Hulse stated that the Harbor Study Committee has a meeting on February 12th, 2014 at 4:00 PM, all are welcome to attend. C. Howard stated that in the paper there was an article about the parking problem in Chatham that is related to the parking problem here at some Dennis landings.

Minutes from February 12th, 2014: L. Johnston made a motion to accept the minutes with changes to be made; a second was made by A. Cloutier; Vote taken; Motion passed 6 to 0.

Revenue Report: Harbormaster T. Clen stated the January revenue was \$71,060.00 and the year to date was \$174,768.40. W. Hulse made a motion to accept the report as stated; a second was made by K. Grignon; Vote taken; Motion passed 6 to 0.

Harbormasters Report: Harbormaster T. Clen stated R. Lemont had broken some ribs and would be out for a few weeks. T. Clen stated he met at Uncle Freemans Landing with J. Rodricks, the good and bad news is the state is going to fix the problem, but the permitting and the time frame to do the job will close down the ramp. T. Clen stated he may have to post-pone the work until October unless it can be done by the first week in June. T. Clen stated that the power loading is the big problem at this location. This practice undermines the apron. T. Clen stated he also asked about placing solar lighting on the east-side docks at the harbor. T. Clen stated that the state representative said to send him the information and he would get them if we would install them. T. Clen stated this would help with rescues as well as increasing the lighting at the harbor to help with the security issues. T. Glen stated that there is going to be a triathlon at West Dennis Beach in September, this is still in the planning stages. T. Clen stated he went to an I.M.B.C. marina and boat yard conference. T. Clen stated that there is a new electrical code for marinas and boat yards that will be coming out in April. T. Clen stated this will mean up-grades to the electrical services at the harbor. T. Clen stated he was working on a Green Marina Certificate, this is a national program, once you start the process you open up the chance to acquire some grants. There are other grant opportunities as well to help with some capital expenses. T. Clen stated that he and Rick Lemont had signed up for B.U.I. training; it is only one day of training. T. Clen stated he had to change one main electrical feeder line at a cost of \$6,000.00. The line was in the water and had wrapped around something and severed the line. T. Clen stated he did not know how it happened. T. Clen stated that the old line can be sold for scrap to help off set the cost. T. Clen stated he was going to implement a National Marina Day

on June 14th. T. Clen stated that there will be boating education programs going on at that time. This will help in promoting safe boating for young and old boaters. W. Hulse asked if the Triathlon would be in Bass River or just on the West Dennis Beach area. T. Clen stated just on the beach at West Dennis. W. Hulse asked if we would be putting any resources out in the water for this event. T. Clen stated that there will be a boat in the area from the harbormasters fleet. W. Hulse asked how the fee is set for this type of event. T. Clen stated he would ask the Town Administrator and also talk to the Fire Chief to see how to formulate a fee. W. Hulse asked how the fee would be returned to the waterways as there is no special fund to receive the payment. T. Clen stated he would find out and bring the answer back to the commission at a later meeting. K. Grignon asked how the bubblers were working this year. T. Clen stated that they were on about 14 days. T. Clen stated that it depends on the weather. T. Clen stated the cost was about \$120.00 a day but this years bill has not come in yet but thinks it may be around \$150.00 per-day. C. Howard asked how the dock building was going. T. Clen stated that 6 or 7 docks were done at this time out of the 12 to be replaced. T. Clen stated that time was lost to the snow storms as they plow as well as working on docks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Waterways Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary: L. Johnston made a motion to elect C. Howard as Chairman; a second was made by D. Parker; Vote taken; Motion passed 6 to 0.

A motion was made by W. Hulse that Vice Chairman D. Parker and the Secretary W. Hulse remain the same; a second was made by A. Cloutier; Vote taken; Motion passed 6 to 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposal to extend the parking hours at the harbor: W. Hulse stated he had drafted two proposals for the parking hours at the harbor, at the last meeting A. Cloutier had suggested just changing the hour of the starting time to 10:00 AM and ending at 7:00 PM for collecting fees at the harbor. W. Hulse read the two proposals that are attached to these minutes. The proposal made by A. Cloutier was accepted. This proposal would just change the starting and ending time for collecting fees at the harbor with no extra labor costs. A motion was made by A. Cloutier to accept the proposal as stated; a second was made by W. Hulse ; Vote taken; Motion passed 6 to 0.

Up Date on the Old RR bridge location: T. Clen stated that there is a plan to place a new bridge over Bass River at the old train bridge location. T. Clen stated that the old block structure will be removed and the width of the opening would go from 43 feet to 80 or 85 feet. The height of the new bridge will be 9 feet from mean high water and about 13 feet to the bottom of the channel. T. Clen stated that dredging will also happen north of the new bridge. T. Clen stated that a target date was November 1, 2014. T. Clen stated that he will bring more information as it comes in to the waterways commission.

Discussion on South Side parking Sticker: C. Howard stated that the parking issue in Chatham was the same issue as here in Dennis. W. Hulse stated that he looked back at the DVD of last months meeting and the commission members were to send in recommendations to him to draft a

proposal for this meeting but no one sent in anything. W. Hulse stated that the Town Of Dennis has many parking stickers and would like to see if we can use one of those and not ask for a new sticker for the south-side ramps. C. Howard stated that the state sticker from the east-side at the harbor could be used for the south side as it is state price regulated. A. Cloutier stated he would like to see a sticker just for the south-side parking. C. Howard stated that there are a number of landings on the south side that have limited parking. R. Farrenkopf asked if a mooring holder would be charged for a sticker. C. Howard stated that they would get a sticker to park free when they paid there mooring fees. C. Howard stated this is how it works at the harbor. A. Cloutier stated that people from other towns come to Dennis and use our ramps to launch their boats and stay all day. When a Dennis mooring holder comes down there are no parking spots left, this is a problem that should be addressed. A. Cloutier made a motion to develop a sticker for the south side parking areas; a second was made by C. Howard; Vote taken; Motion passed 6 to 0.

W. Bergeron asked to make a statement before the meeting was closed. C. Howard stated he could come up to the podium and make his comment. W. Bergeron asked that on the next Waterways Agenda that a topic for discussion be on an Enterprise Fund for the waterways of Dennis. W. Bergeron stated that the Harbor Study Group had a discussion on this type of fund. W. Bergeron stated that he and W. Hulse had gone to Wellfleet and talked to the Town Administrator and the Harbormaster on how they handle the enterprise fund that they use for their waterways. C. Howard stated that this will be on the next agenda for the waterways commission.

L. Johnston made a motion to adjourn then meeting at 6:52 PM; a second was made by A. Cloutier; Vote Taken; Motion passed 6 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted by W. Hulse

**Next Meeting March 12th, 2014
Dennis Town Hall, Lower Small Conference Room
485 Main St., South Dennis MA.**