Coastal Waters Commission August

August 11, 2021

Present Mark Morrisey Peter Polovchic

 Joseph Frazer Jeff Stenzel

 Dayton Benaway Laurie Orlando

 Charlie Tetreau Harbormaster

Absent Todd Yankee

Minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting were approved without changes

Harbormaster report

GPS coordinates for all the moorings outside the harbor have been put on Google Maps

Harbormaster attended the warden service airboat meeting. The regulation process is still ongoing with some disagreement among participants. Mr Tetreau now has a db meter to help monitor noise.

We will be working on floats over the winter

Old Business

Gloria DeGrandpre wharfing out application was reviewed. There were no questions. Motion to approve by Mr. Stenzel. Seconded by Mr Polovchic. Vote unanimous approval.

Mary Shaw wharfing out represented by Tim Forrester of Atlantic Environmental presented a change to their original application. The change consisted of the addition of stairs leading to their landing. He also presented proof of letters notifying abutters. Dr. Stenzel moved to approve the application. MrPolovchic seconded and approval was unanimous.

Jessica Joyce seasonal wharfing out application. A site visit was made and the site was as described in the application. Jeff Stenzel presented supporting information. Dr. Stenzel moved to approve the application. Mr. Polovchik seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Seameadows Marine application. Mr. Tetreau discussed a new plan to move the floats upriver and out of the deep section of the Cousins river to improve navigation. Dr. Stenzel asked if there was any precedent re: the intended use of the floats. The proposed use of the floats would be for tie up temporarily of commercial boats and small and large other boats. There was no restrictions however specified in the application. There was a question if commercial activities could be conducted there and what type and during what hours. Also whether any restrictions on these activities needs to be addressed.

Carter Becker questioned the rights title interest aspect of the floats owned by a Yarmouth company putting floats in Freeport waters and what precedent would this set.

Mr Morrissey moved to table the measure until these issues were resolved. Dr Stenzel second and approved unanimously.

New Business

Casey 67 Birch Point Rd. Application to construct a 4’by 4’landing at the base of an existing

stairs attached to a fixed pier 5’x32’, a seasonal ramp 3’x28’ and a seasonal float 10’x20’ The floats would be stored in winter on a hall out. The project will be reviewed.

Freeport Aquaculture

A presentation by Allison Smith discussed their mission statement and in particular their opposition to the Bailley Coffin aquaculture application between Bustins and Sow and Pigs islands. They presented evidence that the project would be deleterious on many levels It was discussed that the coastal waters commission had no jurisdiction over this type of project and that it was really a State /DMR matter. There were question as to whether we should have input since it included a float in report waters. It was decided that Mr. Morrissey would discuss this with the town and town attorney

Mr Morissey moved to adjourn. This was seconded and passed