Town of Freeport, Maine

Coastal Waters Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2021

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| Participants:  Absent:  Guests: | Jeff Stenzel  Dayton Benway  Laurie Orlando  Peter Polovchik  Charlie Tetreau – Harbor Master  Mark Morrissey  Joe Frazer  Tod Yankee  Gretchen Parker  Carter Becker  Thornton Ring |

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| Coastal Waters Commission (the Commission) Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on May 12, 2021 via Zoom video conference.  Minutes from the April 2021 meeting were reviewed. One minor edit was made to revise a date reference. Mr. Polovchik moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Orlando seconded the motion. All members of the Commission were in favor with none opposed.  **Harbormaster Report**  Things are picking up and Brewers and Strouts are launching boats quickly. The dingy rack is starting to fill up.  Mr. Tetreau presented his findings from research into surrounding community’s regulations and fees for moorings outside mooring fields. For Freeport this would include moorings outside the Harraseeket River. The focus of this review is to increase safety of mooring tackle, and create an inventory for all moorings in Freeport waters.  Mr. Tetreau suggests waiting until later in the boating season to inventory all moorings in Freeport waters, and then work with the Town attorney and Town Manager to draft language pertaining to mooring registration, required tackle, required inspections, and associated fees.  The Commission encourages Mr. Tetreau to move forward with his work, and he will continue to report back as additional progress is made.  **New Business**  Mr. Becker presented a wharfing out application on behalf of Frederick Battistini and Michelle Roy, of 6 Riverview, So. Freeport. Length of the wharf, location, impact on water traffic, and all other ordinance requirements have been documented and are in compliance. The gangway and float are seasonal, and will be stored up on the riprap just down the shoreline. There will be erosion control included in this project that will be approved by DEP. Primary use will be for a small boat or kayak. All abutters have been notified. The Commission will vote on this project at the next meeting.  The election of officers will take place during a Commission meeting in June or July.  Mr. Polovchik asks Mr. Tetreau if there is any news on air boats, and Mr. Tetreau shares there is no new information available.  Ms. Orlando moves to adjourn, and Mr. Benway seconds. All Commission Members are in favor with none opposed.  The meeting adjourns at 6:50 pm. |