

Town of Freeport, Maine
Coastal Waters Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2019

Participants:	Jeff Stenzel Dayton Benway Peter Polovichik Dan Piltch Joe Frazer Mark Morrissey Charlie Tetreau – Harbor Master
Absent:	Laurie Orlando
Guest:	Thornton Ring Tom Ring

Coastal Waters Commission (the Commission) meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm on May 8, 2019 at the Freeport Community Center.

REPORTS

The April minutes were reviewed with a motion to approve made by Mr. Piltch and seconded by Mr. Morrissey. All were in favor, and none opposed.

The Harbormaster report was presented by Mr. Tetreau and reflected nothing of significance beyond traditional waterfront activity.

MOORING APPLICATION APPEAL

Tom Ring previously (2016) had a commercial mooring, but did not keep a boat on the mooring for more than 1 day during that season. Another boat was kept on the mooring as approved by the harbormaster at the time. Prior to the season the top chain of the mooring was replaced and an inspection was performed.

In 2017 Tom was hospitalized and did not pay for, or use the mooring. In 2018 Tom paid the mooring fee, but did not have a boat in the water and did not use the mooring with a vessel that he owned.

In 2019 Tom was denied a mooring for failure to pay the fee timely. Tom is appealing the mooring denial issued by Mr. Tetreau.

After a lengthy discussion with Mr. Ring the Commission concluded that Mr. Ring did not keep a vessel that he owned on the mooring except for 1 (one) day in 2016. Further, the Commission concluded that Mr. Ring paid the mooring fee in 2016 and 2018, but not in 2017 or 2019. After reviewing the Ordinance the Commission found that Mr. Tetreau had followed the appropriate guidelines and procedures for determining that Mr. Ring's mooring should be revoked for 2019.

Mr. Frazer made a motion to uphold Mr. Tetreau's decision and deny Mr. Ring's appeal. Mr. Morrissey seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed.

WHARFING OUT APPLICATION PROCESS

The wharfing out application presented by Mr. Becker in April for a project on Crab Island was considered. Mr. Piltch made a motion to approve as presented and Mr. Morrissy seconded. All were in favor, and none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.