

Agenda item F. Review existing Waterway Regulations.

I'd like to start this agenda discussion by acknowledging that there have been conduct / respect issues at MRC meetings and that the Town has not been present at MRC meetings recently.

Having said that, I would like to think that we can use this time on this agenda tonight to work together in a positive manner, looking forward, rather than looking back, to do what is in the best interest of the community on the whole.

My recommendation at this time, is that our Board of Selectmen ask Mr. Rees and Harbor Master Tim Cox to thoroughly review all Marine related rules and regulations and make recommendations that will help us avoid any of the confusion / misgivings that have taken place with recent issues regarding dockage and moorings. I would suggest that the Marine Resources Committee do the same thing and that, after reviewing and voting officially as a committee, they would then invite the Harbor Master and Town Administrator to their next meeting, which the Harbor Master and Town Administrator would attend to hear all recommendations.

After consulting with the Harbor Master, the Town Administrator would then make his final recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for adoption of a new set of rules and regulations.

I would specifically recommend that:

1. All documents be consolidated into one, concise document, that will provide more clarity than the several documents we see in our packets tonight.
2. A map or diagram be included for every marine resource covered by these rules and regulations.
3. The document include a single fee table for all uses and that references to any fees in the text elsewhere in the document be removed to avoid any confusion or errors when rates change.
4. Consideration be given in establishing fees, to market rates, to investments that Town has made and continues to make in the Marine Resources and to what future needs might be for the town with respect to these resources.
5. Any forms be included as Exhibit attachments
6. Any typical contract be included as an Exhibit.
7. The Policies and objectives of the Board of Selectmen, as recently adopted for FY '19 be considered in any changes made to the rules and regulations.