

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MYERS BEACH**  
**Anchorage Advisory Committee**  
Town Hall  
2525 Estero Boulevard  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**Wednesday, July 15, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Light. Members present: Greg Holmes, Ted Lawwill, Katherine Light, Sam Lurie and Mike Ratliff.

Excused: Robert Beasley

Staff: Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley and Senior Accountant Andre Heiting.

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

Chair Light revealed that AAC Member Bill Kubicek passed away.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

•Bob Burgess, resident, noticed that the bay back was much more polluted with human waste and the smell permeated into his residence. After he complained to Town Council, the situation improved for a week, but the smell came back. He suggested conducting a study to address the problem. He indicated the smell occurred at low tide and it was a serious health problem.

•Helen Gray, Mooring Ball 7, stated that she was told to move her boat to the East Mooring Field. She noted they were not considered live aboard, but she read another definition of the term. She described the condition of other boats in the field. She requested that she be moved to a live aboard status if the other balls were available.

•Nick Ruland requested a copy of the lease for the Mooring Field. He questioned whether the boats to the west were under the jurisdiction of Fort Myers Beach. He questioned whether property taxes were included in the rent. He questioned where he could find answers to his questions.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17, 2020**

Corrections: She stated that they were ~~combing~~ combining all submerged land leases to simplify the process and DEP required new surveys of the existing facilities.

Director O'Riley stated that the Matanzas contract ~~expired~~ expires in November 2020 and they would have to bid out services.

She stated that ~~they~~ the year-to-date revenues for the Mooring Field was \$129,120.00 and last year's revenues were \$155,957.00

**MOTION:** AAC Member Lurie moved to approve the minutes as amended; second by AAC Member Holmes.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **V. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT**

Accountant Heiting stated that he emailed financial information to AAC Members. AAC Member Lawwill noted there were multiple errors in the data. Accountant Heiting commented that he would work with AAC Member Lawwill and he would continue to provide information. Chair Light requested an end-of-the-year report. AAC Member Lurie requested a footnote to explain changes. Director O'Riley reported that since they separated the Mooring Field from Maritime, they started with a clean slate.

Director O'Riley stated that Harbormaster Gilchrist was unable to attend the meeting and she reviewed the report. Systems 1-20 were designated as six months or less, eight systems had been replaced and they were waiting for inventory for the next 20 systems. One of the special purpose buoys were replaced, a new potable water hose was installed under the bridge and a person was trespassed from the dingy dock. She reported that a resident of the Mooring Field passed away and they requested that the Sheriff's Department perform checks. Director O'Riley noted there were approximately 20 pump-outs per week and the vessel was cleaned in June. She indicated that staff retrieved 11 pilings affiliated with a sinking construction barge.

Chair Light volunteered to attend the next Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, but Director O'Riley will check with the Town Attorney since Chair Light owns a vessel in the field. AAC Member Holmes indicated that he could participate in the meeting via phone or Zoom.

Director O'Riley reported that she had a conference call with Dockwa later in the day and they were working on details. She remarked that the dates for the Strategic Plan Update were changed due to the corona virus. Chair Light clarified how to make changes to the plan.

Director O'Riley indicated that the Town Attorney was pursuing three delinquent accounts. She noted that liveboards were subject to change at any time. She reported that certified letters were sent to property owners within a 500 foot radius of the proposed expansion area and it was one of the final steps in securing the area for a designated Mooring Field.

## **VI. EXPANSION OF THE MOORING FIELD UPDATE**

Discussed above.

## **VII. UPLAND SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATE**

The deadline for applications is July 28, 2020. AAC Member Lurie questioned whether they could enter into an inter local with the Fire Department to incorporate an upland service provider on their newly acquired property. Liaison Hosafros remarked that the Fire Department had to decide what to do with their property and many ideas were floating around. Director O'Riley added that the canal behind the property was privately owned.

Chair Light stated that she visited the Harbor House recently and it was a viable option. AAC Member Holmes agreed it would work. Discussion was held regarding carrying laundry to the facility. Chair Light encouraged members to visit the Harbor House.

## **VIII. MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Chair Light noted that the topic was the Strategic Plan Update and it was addressed in V.

**IX. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

AAC Member Lurie questioned whether the vacancy would be filled before October. Director O’Riley replied that applications could be submitted at any time. No items from other members.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Helen Gray continued and requested that her vessel on Ball 47 be moved back to Ball 7 or any other Ball rated for the size of her vessel. She requested that her vessel be declared a live aboard or added to a waiting list. She asked for clarification regarding pump-outs. Director O’Riley offered to meet with Ms. Gray after the meeting.
- Todd Richardson of the Harbor House stated that 825 square feet of space was available and the office would be separate from the laundry facilities.

**XI. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA - September 16, 2020**

Pump-outs and pollution were discussed.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** AAC Member Lurie moved to adjourn the meeting; second by AAC Member Lawwill.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Adopted 9-16-2020 with/without changes. Motion by Sam Lurie  
(DATE)

Vote: 5-0 Signature: Katherine Light

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