

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MYERS BEACH**  
**Anchorage Advisory Committee**  
Town Hall  
6231 Estero Blvd.  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Monday, October 27, 2025

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair King.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Chris Riedel King, Ted Lawwill, Sam Lurie, John Wesley Nash, Jennifer Rusk and Ed Schoonover (virtually).

Excused/Absent: ~~Ron Fleming~~ *can - OFF COMMUNITY*

Staff Liaison: Harbormaster Curtis Ludwig

Council Liaison: Jim Atterholt (virtually)

**IV. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

AAC Member Lurie nominated Chris King for Chair, seconded by AAC Member Nash.

AAC Member Lawwill nominated Sam Lurie for Vice Chair, but he declined.

AAC Member Rusk nominated John Wesley Nash for Vice Chair, seconded by Chair King.

AAC Members unanimously voted to approve the Chair and Vice Chair nominations.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.**

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 22, 2025**

**MOTION:** AAC Member Nash moved to approve the minutes, seconded by AAC Member Schoonover.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

**VII. STAFF REPORT AND UPDATES**

Harbormaster Ludwig highlighted items from the report he emailed earlier. The rate increase was in effect, 10 vessels were in the front field with 12 in the back, the sunken vessel in the back should be removed in about two months, the Miramar ramp will be repaired and gravel rock will be used to resurface the boat ramp slab. He was waiting to hear from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) regarding replacing or repairing the Tropical Shores kayak dock.

Harbormaster Ludwig noted that he was getting quotes to repair the engine and the gas lines on the enforcement boat. He added that he requested security cameras at the dinghy dock and indicated that Matanzas had cameras on their property. AAC Member Lurie suggested placing AirTags on the vessels and Harbormaster Ludwig agreed. Harbormaster Ludwig explained that

the new boat will replace the current pontoon boat. The enforcement boat will be located at Walker's Marine at the south end of the island. The new boat should be delivered in mid-November. A competition to name the boat and a christening event were proposed.

*Mari (Cue)* Mary Torgerson will hold a roundtable discussion on November 10, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at DiamondHead, with the U.S. Coast Guard and other entities to discuss enforcement of the no-wake zone in the back bay. AAC Member Lurie offered to contribute to the restoration of the manatee sculpture at the end of the Fishtale Marina.

Two bike racks were added at the dinghy dock. Six to eight reservations were received yesterday. Harbormaster Ludwig reviewed the FMB Anchorage Advisory Committee's Purpose, Roles and Responsibilities and he will submit it to the town council for approval to add it to the Harbor Management Plan. He will check with the town attorney to see whether the ordinance needs to be amended. AAC Member Nash suggested clarifying the town's water range to include Matanzas Pass all the way around to the south end of Big Carlos Pass. He suggested adding events to the document so they can hold Boater's Appreciation Day or other events.

AAC Member Schoonover clarified items on Harbormaster Ludwig's report.

Council Liaison Atterholt reported on the boat around event, touring the Mooring Field and facilities. He commended everyone involved. Chair King thanked the town and Beach Talk radio.

**MOTION:** AAC Member Lawwill moved that the FMB Anchorage Advisory Committee's Purpose, Roles and Responsibilities is a draft and they approve Harbormaster Ludwig taking it to his leadership and telling them the path forward and make sure anything they put forward does not negate or negatively impact legislation or ordinances, seconded by AAC Member Lurie.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

## VIII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

AAC Member Rusk reported that the town did not own the overflowing garbage cans she brought up at the last meeting.

AAC Member Lawwill distributed and explained an update of the average occupancy from May through September. He noted they were working to make the report more accurate, but he found it almost impossible to do so. He indicated they may have to use the average for the month. Harbormaster Ludwig said he would go back to Dockwa to see if a different report could be generated. Chair King would like to know the average stay of vessels and the number of unique vessels per year; however, she added that it was an aspirational request.

AAC Member Nash asked about posting for the vacancy. Liaison Atterholt replied that he mentioned it while at the boat around and the town advertised vacancies on the website.

AAC Member Lurie asked whether Vice Mayor Atterholt would continue to serve as their liaison next year. Liaison Atterholt replied affirmatively. AAC Member Lurie thanked Captain Bobby and Patty Prevost for their excellent work. Since they do not have advance reservations, he suggested that if a boater in the field for 10 or 12 days wants to stay for a month, they should be allowed to transition to a monthly rate. Discussion ensued.

Chair King said she will ask the town council for AAC to hold the Cruiser's Appreciation Day on April 12, 2026, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., tentatively.

**MOTION:** AAC Member Lurie moved that AAC members agree with Chair King appearing before the town council regarding approval for Cruiser's Appreciation Day, seconded by AAC Member Schnoover.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

Chair King asked if there were supplements to a publication she received. She wondered if there was an opportunity to advertise and provide content. AAC Member Nash reminded members that he had previously provided a list of publications.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS** – Committee Objectives for the Upcoming Year – M&P Discussion November 6, 2025

Harbormaster Ludwig noted that the meeting included a review of the roles and responsibilities of all the advisory committees and he recommended that everyone attend, if possible.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT** – no public comment.

**XI. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA** – November 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Add Cruisers, results of the roundtable and recap the M&P.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** AAC Member Lawwill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by AAC Member Nash.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Adopted 11/24/25 with without changes. Motion by Ed Schoonover  
(DATE)

Vote: 4 in favor Signature: Chris Rudel King