



COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

MINUTES
Tuesday, February 06, 2024
5:00 PM
East Conference Room

Committee Members:
Richard Thompson, Chairman
Mike Schwindt, Vice Chairman
David Carlson
Hugh Judge
Ivy Frignoca
Robert Johnson
George Turner
David Witherill

Town Staff:
Mark Segrist
Robert Vail
Charles Rumsey
Kailey Hanley

Present: Chairman Richard Thompson, David Carlson, Mike Schwindt, Hugh Judge, George Turner, and David Witherill
Excused: Ivy Frignoca and Robert Johnson
Town Staff: Charles Rumsey, Chief of Police; Matthew Merriman, Harbormaster; Kailey Hanley, Recording Secretary

Guests: Timothy A. Forrester, owner of Atlantic Environmental LLC.

Prior to the meeting, the committee had a site walk of 25 Ledge Road Cumberland, Maine for the wharfing out permit application that was submitted, led by owner of Atlantic Environmental LLC., Timothy A. Forrester.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Thompson at 5:00 p.m.
Mike Schwindt arrived at 5:35pm adding a 6th member

II. Public hearing for wharfing out permit at 25 Ledge Road

A wharfing out permit application checklist was handed out to the committee to review and make sure that all the necessary steps have taken place for the committee to decide to approve or deny the application.

Richard Thompson brought up concerns about the embankment plan height, and Timothy Forrester stated that he feels confident that this plan will provide some longevity and accounts for storm surge.

Police Chief Charles Rumsey said that he spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Bill Longley regarding the building that sits on top of the dock, and based on research that building has been there for at least three previous owners, and is not in violation by any town codes, and is grandfathered in.

After working through the checklist and determining that it does meet all the requirements, the committee came to a decision.

Motion: That construction be approved without conditions and be recommended to the Town council.
Moved by: Richard Thompson
Seconded by: David Carlson
Vote: Unanimous

III. Approve the October 24, 2023, Minutes

Motion: To approve the October 24, 2023, Minutes.
Moved by: Hugh Judge
Seconded by: David Witherill
Vote: Unanimous

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

Chief Rumsey brought to the committee's attention that Ivy sent an updated email regarding some revisions to DMR's timelines on public hearings. The law currently requires that aquaculture leases require a public hearing if 5 signatures are submitted to DMR, the proposal changes that number to 25 signatures.

Harbormaster Matthew Merriman brought up that there are a few LPA's in the works, and has been in communication with the applicant on any questions he had with the process, and will keep the committee updated once they are submitted.

Chief Rumsey brought up that things are moving along with the float expansion, and that hopefully we will be hearing an update soon, but as of now, nothing new to report. Once the project gets underway, the committee may then look into expanding the mooring field/dinghy slots etc.

Harbormaster Matthew Merriman brought a letter that he got today from a new homeowner that would like to transfer the ownership of the pier into their name. After some discussion from the group, and review of the letter it was determined that Code Enforcement Officer Bill Longley also received a copy and in it, it states that this should be hung in a public place for a 14-day window for anyone to comment to the Bureau of Parks and Lands, which Bill has done. No further action from the committee at this time.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Submitted by,
Kailey Hanley, Recording Secretary