

**Village of Egg Harbor  
Harbor Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 31, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Robert Dickson called the meeting to order at 10:01am.
  - b. Committee members present: Robert Dickson, Denny Phillips, Bill Freyman, Carl Klug
  - c. Absent: Robert Dunworth
  - d. Staff present: Lydia Semo, Ali Gibbs, Tom Strong,
  - e. Audience members: Erika Krivitz, Ken Mathys
2. Approve Agenda
  - a. **Bill Freyman moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Denny Phillips.**
  - b. **Motion unanimously carried.**
3. Approve January 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes
  - a. **Robert Dickson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Bill Freyman.**
  - b. **Motion unanimously carried.**
4. Open Session (Limit 10 minutes)
  - a. *Ken Mathys asked that the committee consider the installation of a light on a timer for those boaters who come in late after dark. He would also like a special consideration for Village residents/tax payers for those that return multiple times in a day without an additional fee.*
  - b. Robert Dickson: We will put that on the agenda for next month, but my inclination says we would have to wait until the new budget.
  - c. *Bill Freyman: We don't have this in our rules and regulations, but we really need to have a live-aboard policy preventing someone living at the marina or renting it out as a boat BNB.*
5. F3 Reports
  - a. *Ali Gibbs summarized her update which was provided in the packet. Ali is working on the Wi-Fi installations, the cable contract has been cancelled. There will be 5 seasonal employees returning and she will be hiring at least 2 more. The Egg Harbor Marina was also featured in the spring edition of the Great Lakes Scuttlebutts Magazine.*
  - b. Tom Strong: Staff received a communication regarding raising the seasonal launch fee from \$100 - \$110.
  - c. Robert Dickson: Tom, please forward any communications regarding our fees to Ali.
  - d. Ali Gibbs: I only receive a very few of these per year.
6. Fireworks 2021
  - a. *Tom Strong presented an overview of the plans for Fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He is looking for input from this committee as one of the main viewing areas.*
  - b. *The committee discussed safety concerns regarding 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. Ephraim has cancelled Fyrbal. Other events are planning to move forward but are making sure that they have an option to cancel a contract depending on how things progress with Covid this summer.*
  - c. *Ali Gibbs: It is packed at the Marina by 5:00 PM. If we have fireworks, I would like to limit the number of people allowed but that would be difficult to do.*
  - d. *Robert Dickson: This is a safety issue for our staff. There will be a crowd in the park. I don't know what the right answer is.*
  - e. *Bill Freyman: This will be up to the Trustees to decide. As Tom said, no one has a crystal ball. We will have to see how things move forward.*
  - f. *Karl Klug: Are the trustees looking for input from this committee?*
  - g. *Robert Dickson: Yes, that is why we are discussing it today. We need to weigh in and provide guidance on if we are going to do it, how we are going to do it.*
  - h. *Tom Strong: We have the option to sign the fireworks contract with options to keep that on deposit. This is the opportunity for this committee to provide input for the Trustees on April 12.*
  - i. *Karl Klug: I feel we should recommend to the Trustees to cancel the fireworks given the uncertainty over Covid.*
  - j. *Denny Philips: I would agree with Karl.*

- k. *Bill Freyman: I think we have a little time. We should continue to plan to hold the event but hold off on the final decision.*
  - l. *Robert Dickson: At this point I would come down on the same side as Bill. We all know the park will be packed and social distancing will not be maintained. We do need to see where Covid is in the next month or two then make a decision with caution in mind. We have to protect the staff members and keep the Marina open. That is the main concern in my mind.*
  - m. *Tom Strong: We still don't have a crystal ball. May 10<sup>th</sup> might be the date for this decision.*
  - n. *Robert Dickson: I will relay your input at the Trustee meeting on April 12.*
  - o. *Bill Freyman: The one thing we all agree on is safety first.*
  - p. *The committee members asked to have this on the agenda again at the next meeting.*
7. Dog Park Parking Lot Update
- a. *Tom Strong showed the proposed parking lot update from the PPW Committee and McMahon Engineers. There will be a few additional stalls and lighting.*
  - b. *Bill Freyman would like to see the parking lot have dark-sky lights that illuminate straight down.*
  - c. *Denny Phillips expressed concern about the price of the lights especially in boating season, there is 12+ hours of daylight.*
  - d. *Robert Dickson stated that the parking lot will also be used by restaurants through fall.*
  - e. *Robert Dickson would like Tom Strong to confirm that the Marina will not be using any of its budget for the update and maintenance of this parking lot.*
  - f. *Tom Strong noted that business owners do not allow their staff to park in that parking lot since it is not lit and the employees leave work when it is dark out. They would be willing to let their employees park up there once it is lit.*
8. Dinghy Request - Larry Lutzow
- a. *A seasonal boater is interested in adding a dinghy lift to his boat, he is already overhanging 3-feet in his slip and the lift will add 30-36-inches, putting him at 46 feet overall. A similar proposal was made at the previous meeting by another boater and that was denied. I don't see anything in the 45' slip range opening up any time soon. This is a 35' slip now. Ali provided a visual overview of the slip in question. The slip fee for a 45 foot slip is \$700 more than a 40 foot slip. This wouldn't impact traffic at all at Birch West 1*
  - b. **Bill Freyman moved to reclassify Birch 1 West as a 45-foot slip and give the owner the option to pay for the difference. Seconded by Robert Dickson.**
  - c. *Robert Dickson: The understanding is that if he pays for it, he can do it.*
  - d. *Denny Phillips: I'm concerned that the engineer designed the Marina that way for a reason and now we're extending the size of this slip. We're making the marina fit the money and not what the engineer designed.*
  - e. *Robert Dickson: This is based on the boat that is there. We are trying to maximize the use of the marina and generate revenue.*
  - f. *Bill Freyman: Just to be clear, this is not to approve his request but to reclassify it as a 45-foot slip.*
  - g. **Motion carried. Denny Phillips abstained.**
9. Open Session (Limit 10 minutes)
- a. *Ali Gibbs: The water level is down about 1.5-feet.*
  - b. *Denny asked if the new docks will be installed, Ali said not now as its not necessary, but they are ready to be installed if need be.*
  - c. *Denny asked if the lights at the Marina are on a timer. The committee discussed how the lighting could work per Ken Mathys' request. Is there anything we can to do minimize shipwrecked employee parking at the Marina? What about the Casey's work in the back yard? What about one barrel.*
  - d. *Tom Strong: Parking is a big question related to the Shipwrecked Plan Commission application. Casey's existed before the Village existed. They are reducing the number of seats from 72 to 50. As that is the case, the Plan Commission felt that they did not need to go through a parking review. I had a conversation with Peter that acknowledged he has a change of use and intensity, and will need to come back to the plan commission for a parking review.*
  - e. *Ali Gibbs: In regards to parking, should I even hand out the parking tags for the seasonal tenants?*
  - f. *Robert Dickson: It is a good question. It is a mixed use lot.*
  - g. *Bill Freyman: We would like to continue to issue the tags and work with the Village to figure out the balance.*
10. Next Meeting Time and Date

- a. Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
11. Adjourn
  - a. **Robert Dickson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bill Freyman.**
  - b. **Motion unanimously carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:14am.

Minutes completed by Lydia Semo/Tom Strong on April 20, 2021. Submitted for approval on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.