

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
Anchorage Advisory Committee
Town Hall
2525 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, February 1, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chair Light. Members present: Robert Beasley, William Kubicek III, Ted Lawwill, Katherine Light, Sam Lurie and Mike Ratliff.

Excused: Greg Holmes

Staff: Jeff Richard

Council Liaison: Anita Cereceda

Additional staff: Scott Baker, Public Works Director, Town Attorney Dawn Lehnert and Interim Town Manager Steele.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comment

IV. HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

Chair Light distributed a copy of the rental agreement from Matanzas Inn. She questioned whether all boat owners had to be on the agreement. Town Attorney Lehnert replied that she did not think the type of ownership was important. Mr. Ratliff felt that it related to Charter vessels. Discussion was held regarding ownership issues. Consensus was reached to keep it simple.

Chair Light questioned a stand-alone rental agreement with rules and regulations available as a separate document. Town Attorney Lehnert discussed content options for a one-page rental agreement. Chair Light felt their contract should be the same as Matanzas Inn. Town Attorney Lehnert stated that some language would not make sense for the Mooring Field. Discussion was held concerning payment terms, term of agreement, days in a month, rules and regulations and the hold harmless section should match the Harbor Management Plan.

Chair Light suggested requiring that the Harbormaster or designee sign the contract. Town Attorney Lehnert indicated that witness signatures were not required. Consensus was reached to eliminate witness signatures. Mr. Lurie suggested adding an email address.

Mr. Lawwill brought up individual insurance riders. Mr. Richard revealed that the Town's insurance company did not allow riders. Liability issues were discussed. Mr. Lawwill questioned whether the AAC could receive a report on boating accidents. Mr. Baker agreed to provide one. Chair Light noted that three out of five mooring fields she checked did not require insurance. Mr. Ratliff questioned when the topic would appear on the Town Council agenda. Ms. Cereceda replied that it would not be anytime soon. Mr. Ratliff suggested obtaining more information regarding fields that did not require insurance. Mr. Lurie questioned confirming insurance companies. Mr. Ratliff discussed losing boaters if they require insurance. Mr.

Lawwill questioned the history and dollar amount of losses. Mr. Baker replied that liability for the Mooring Field was approximately \$5,000.00 per year.

Interim Town Manager Steele felt insurance was critical. Mr. Lurie brought up liability insurance. Mr. Beasley discussed a litigious population. He did not think that a \$100-150 policy was unaffordable and he commented on losing the Mooring Field altogether. Mr. Lawwill agreed with requiring insurance. Mr. Beasley suggested researching insurance companies to see whether they could find a company that offered reasonable options. Mr. Lurie suggested questioning Matanzas regarding who held insurance. Mr. Baker will obtain that figure.

MOTION: Mr. Lawwill moved to go forward with the changes discussed; second by Mr. Lurie.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baker questioned including the phone numbers in Appendix VII.

MOTION: Mr. Lawwill moved to eliminate Appendix VII; second by Mr. Beasley.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Lurie moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Kubicek III.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Adopted 3/15/17 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: Katherine Light

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