

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

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Light.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Bob Beasley, Greg Holmes, Ted Lawwill, Katherine Light, Sam Lurie and Mike Ratliff.

Excused: Douglas Eckmann

Staff: Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley and Harbormaster Austin Gilchrist.

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 20, 2021**

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT**

Harbormaster Gilchrist reported that pump-outs were running around 600-700 gallons a week and vessels were rearranged in the field based on leases and agreements with the town. He noted they lost ball 36 and a replacement would be installed as weather permitted. He indicated that options regarding the special purpose buoys were being discussed. Director O'Riley stated they received complaints concerning services and they were working to resolve those issues with Matanzas. She described a couple who had difficulty using Dockwa.

AAC Member Lawwill questioned when they would receive monthly numbers from late last year. Director O'Riley replied that she would request occupancy and revenue numbers at a meeting scheduled for Friday. The Maritime and Mooring reports were reviewed.

**VII. EXPANSION OF THE MOORING FIELD UPDATE**

Director O'Riley reported that Town Council approved the Harbor Management Plan Update, and it was forwarded to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for approval. She expected a response within the next six weeks. She noted that Council approved their application for the Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) grant.

Harbormaster Gilchrist described a meeting with the Sheriff's Department and noted they had access to Dockwa to monitor the Mooring Field. He stated that he would request more patrols during the week due to an influx of boaters. He indicated safety checks were being conducted in the anchorage area and they were investigating using dye tabs to track illicit dumping in the bay. Harbormaster Gilchrist contacted the Department of Natural

Resources in reference to checking and regulating pump-outs in marinas. He will meet with the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) and the Coast Guard regarding covering areas of enforcement. He stated they completed their Ostego Bay oil spill training.

Director O'Riley reported that Town Council approved their application for the West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND) grant.

### VIII. UPLAND SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATE

Director O'Riley stated that a terms sheet was being developed to present to the Homeowners Association (HOA) of Harbor House. The next step would be an appraisal, depending on the outcome of the presentation. AAC Member Lurie reported that Liaison Hosafros did a good job of representing the AAC at the Council meeting. Director O'Riley will keep members updated.

### IX. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW/COMMUNICATION PLAN

Chair Light encouraged members to review the plan and change priorities if necessary.

### X. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

**MOTION:** AAC Member Lurie moved to cancel the 2021 Boater's Appreciation Day due to COVID; second by AAC Member Lawwill.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

No items from other members.

### XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Helen on ball 23 stated that she had good, positive experiences with Matanzas.

### XII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA - Wednesday, March 17, 2021

No change to agenda.

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Adopted 3-17-21 with/without changes. Motion by Bob Beasley  
(DATE)

Vote: UNANIMOUS 6-0 Signature: Sam Lurie

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