

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

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. REORGANIZATION**

**MOTION:** AAC Member Lurie nominated Katherine Light for Chair; second by AAC Member Lawwill.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** AAC Member Ratliff nominated Sam Lurie for Vice Chair; second by Chair Light.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Douglas Eckmann, Ted Lawwill, Katherine Light, Sam Lurie and Mike Ratliff.

Excused: Bob Beasley

Absent: Greg Holmes

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

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no comment.**

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 15, 2021**

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT**

Town Harbormaster Gilchrist reported that the new Mooring Field office was open and the office hours were 7:00 a.m. to noon. He indicated that the office setup was basic and desks were not in yet. The restrooms were working as a manual system and not locked. The fob system and cameras were being installed. The pump-out boat broke down on Monday and the throttle cable was being replaced. He noted the pump-out procedures had changed. Odd balls were required to be pumped

out on Monday and even balls were required to be pumped out on Wednesday. Fridays were pump-out make-up days. Town Harbormaster Gilchrist stated that staff had been trained on office procedures. The Mooring Field was at 62% and most of the balls were filled up. He commented that Dockwa was cleaned up and missing information was added. He reported that they terminated a lease due to a hostile person. They were looking to apply for a grant to purchase a new pump-out boat and signage was replaced in the field. Town Harbormaster Gilchrist indicated they were having issues with mail delivery because Matanzas accepted mail for patrons in the Mooring Field. He noted they could set up general delivery or a post office box at the Post Office. Director O'Riley added that the town was not going to be responsible for mail right now. They received the submerged land lease for the other side of the bridge and will contact Lee County Sheriff's Office to assist with cleaning up the area. Town Harbormaster Gilchrist indicated that they were looking for advertising ideas.

Chair Light questioned the office hours and suggested that they be reassessed moving forward. Director O'Riley agreed and noted they were monitoring the situation. She described the fob system. Town Harbormaster Gilchrist reported that there were pursuing two delinquencies.

### **VIII. EXPANSION OF THE MOORING FIELD UPDATE**

Director O'Riley stated that the submerged land lease was combined, but the dinghy dock was not included at the moment. After the lease was fully executed, construction would be bid out. The town applied for a construction grant and received a notice of award for \$130,000.00. Director O'Riley indicated construction would probably begin next summer. Chair Light stated that she was concerned about adding more balls since they only had two showers. She noted that patrons had complained in the past. AAC Member Lurie revealed that the Pink Shell property was sold. Director O'Riley discussed the Bayside Park dock and the Army Corps of Engineers application process. She remarked that the deadline to remove their boat at Matanzas was January 1, 2022. Town Harbormaster Gilchrist commented that he would contact private rentals and businesses. Liaison Hosafros questioned the status of the property on Virginia. Town Harbormaster Gilchrist was not sure. Director O'Riley added that a seawall and a boat lift would have to be permitted and added to the site.

**MOTION:** Chair Light moved to explore the possibility of using the Virginia property as a storage area for the pump-out boat; second by AAC Member Lawwill.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Light summarized items she would address in their report to Town Council. She encouraged AAC Members to contact Director O'Riley with suggestions for the report.

### **IX. UPLAND SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATE**

Director O'Riley reported that the town placed a porta-potty under the bridge.

### **X. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW/COMMUNICATION PLAN**

Chair Light suggested they review the plans next month. Director O'Riley will forward all documents to members before the next meeting. AAC Member Lawwill suggested reviewing the

responsibilities of the AAC. Town Harbormaster Gilchrist stated that they could conduct sales transactions from boats now.

Director O'Riley provided unaudited financials for the Mooring Field and noted revenue increased by \$23,000.00. Discussion was held regarding details.

**XI MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

AAC Member Ratliff expressed concern regarding office hours. Town Harbormaster Gilchrist replied that Balls 1 and 2 were available for people who arrived after office hours. Director O'Riley commented that the office phone message provided details for arrivals after hours.

AAC Member Lurie thanked members who signed up for another term.

No items from other members.

Director O'Riley mentioned Cruiser's Appreciation Day and noted it would be different this year. Chair Light will add the topic to her report to Council.

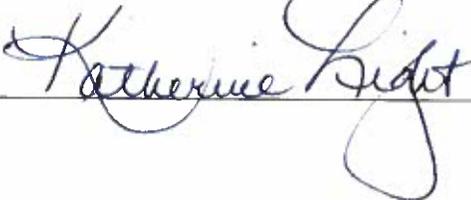
**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.**

**XIII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA - November 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** AAC Member Lurie moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adopted 11-17-2021 with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: 7-0 Signature: 

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