

October 17, 2017 Meeting

Discussion to Implement a "Dock & Ramp Capacity" Ordinance

Mr. Cullen informed the Commission of a recent situation where a rogue salvage company, boat being the "Tiger Joe" owned by Russell Coza had been "hanging out" in the Cove. Mr. Cullen had called upon Frank Bruno of Bay View Boat Haulers to haul out the "Tiger Joe" but failed at getting the boat out of the water by way of the Town boat ramp which caused a "major boat backup" and inability for any other boater to use the ramp. Mr. Cullen is in the process of determining a load out plan with Mr. Coza but in the meantime Mr. Cullen suggested drafting ordinance language regarding weight and size capacity for boats allowed to use the boat ramp. Mr. Cullen asserted he was in the process of talking with local boat haulers to find out what can safely be hauled out by way of the boat ramp.

The Commission noted it should be at the harbormaster's discretion regarding the size of the boat to be hauled out but proper language should be added that the Town and/or harbormaster should not incur expenses or liability. Mr. Cullen was of the opinion that practically a boat size limit should be implemented and suggested any boat over 35' in length or 6 tons in weight requires Harbormaster approval.

Motion by Mr. Shapiro to draft a dock and ramp capacity use ordinance and submit the mooring transferability draft ordinance to the Town Solicitor and Town Council for approval. Seconded by Ms. Warburton. Approved 4 - 0.