

MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2017
GOULDSBORO BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Present: Dana Rice, Glenn Grant, Ernest West, William Thayer and Roger Bowen
Staff: Bryan T. Kaenrath, Town Manager and Cheryl Robinson, Deputy Clerk
Audience: Five (5)

This meeting was a special Selectmen's meeting solely for the purpose of discussing the issues at the South Gouldsboro Pier. This meeting was posted 10 days in advance as required.

Mr. Rice opened the meeting at 3:13 PM

Selectmen, Roger Bowen made reference to the series of e-mails between the Town Manager of Gouldsboro and attorney, Daniel Pileggi regarding the interpretation of the term "commercial use". Melinda Bouman, owner of the lobster pound and worm processing operation located in the same vicinity was present and Mr. Bowen felt she made a valid and iron clad argument pertaining to the restrictions associated with the South Gouldsboro Town Pier. Mr. Bowen felt the Harbor Committee should meet with the Selectmen to establish the correct wording for an update to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

Selectmen, William Thayer, was concerned and felt the key to the definition was the State definition and that should be used for future Ordinance wording.

Selectmen, Glenn Grant, was concerned and felt the hoist that is located on the South Gouldsboro Pier should be removed and signs erected establishing the intended use of the pier.

Selectmen, Dana Rice, was on the Board of Selectmen when the pier/breakwater was built and his belief is the intent of the Town and the policy of the Town were that it was to be used by individuals and not for business use. He felt Melinda Bouman's deed restriction brings to light a whole set of new questions and he felt maybe the Harbormasters Association could give the Board some insight as to the wording to be used for the ordinance. He fully expects some residents will be dissatisfied with the Board's decision but felt the issue has to be defined.

Resident, Melinda Bouman, expressed concern regarding the Town boat ramp which is located in that area as well and felt the ramp should be classified as "commercial" to allow the local lobsterman and other residents to launch and haul their boats. She was under the impression the some of the ramp was federally funded and that certain criteria had to have been met to the funding so she felt due process was followed and the restricted covenant does not apply to the boat ramp.

Mr. Bowen made a motion for the South Gouldsboro Pier to be deemed "recreational use only" and that such actions should be taken, that are deemed necessary, to make the pier/breakwater safe for recreational users. The boat ramp can continue to be used for launching and landing of watercraft and for established historical use. To direct the Harbor Committee and any other association(s) that is needed to revise the ordinance to reflect the Town's position. To remove the hoist that is presently on the pier/breakwater and to erect signs declaring it for "recreational use only". Mr. Thayer 2nd; passed 5/0.

ADJOURN: Mr. Bowen made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Thayer 2nd; passed 5/0.


Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Robinson, Deputy Town Clerk and Acting Secretary
Attached e-mails and deeds.

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Minutes of August 9, 2017 and approval on August 24, 2017


Dana Rice



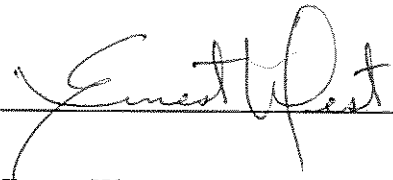
William Thayer



Glenn Grant



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