

**Giants Neck Beach Association-Dock Committee**  
**Minutes of July 19, 2024 Meeting at Ridgewood Road Docks**

-Meeting called to order by Chair John Henninger at 9:05am. In attendance were: John Henninger, Tom Doggart, Joe Sculli, Eric Davison, and John Wohler. Dean Fiscus was unable to attend.

-The Committee walked the dock and confirmed that the appropriate boats were correctly tied up at each slip. A few boat owners were identified for follow up. Any additional action required will be approved by the Dock Chair.

-The Committee noted that the dock was sound with no broken or missing planks and did not need any other immediate repairs. It was noted that the fire extinguishers on the dock (and their related boxes) were replaced in June. It was further noted that the piling at slip N16 would need to be stiffened as it is now leaning outward a few inches. Tom Doggart and John Wohler agreed to follow up on this matter this winter when the winter tides will allow us to get access to the bottom of the pilings. The slip user is aware of the situation and will advise the Committee if there is any changes in the lean.

-We noted the dock seems to be clean and not slippery. We will review in the spring as to whether it needs to be power washed again in 2025.

-Chair Henninger reported that the East Lyme Police responded to an incident by the dock on June 30. Apparently, a non-GNBA member backed his truck down our boat ramp, snapping the west side post. Further, this individual took a boat off the dock and paddled it out towards the islands. He was caught and arrested, and the boat safely returned. At this point, we need to replace the post immediately. Tom Doggart will reach out to the contractor who poured the concrete for the new boat ramp a few years ago to get a quote. We will replace the post and pursue reimbursement of the costs from the perpetrator/his insurance company. In the past, the GNBA has shared costs associated with the boat ramp so we will also reach out to GNBA to split any net out of pocket costs related to this incident.

-Eric Davison gave us an update on the possible dock expansion project. At this point, our contractor Docko has submitted our application for a permit to modify our current dock structure. We expect to hear back from CT DEEP this fall on our permit application. Assuming they approve the application, we would generally be able to modify the existing dock structure within a certain pre-approved footprint subject to certain conditions. Once we hear back from DEEP and understand what they have approved (or not approved), we can determine the next steps. The Dock Committee expects to hold a special meeting this fall to review the DEEP response(s) and determine a plan of action.

-The Committee reviewed the current \$200 per slip annual slip fee. At this point, we will maintain this fee but it is subject to change if we undertake a dock modification project.

-John Wohler advised the Committee that we currently have 27 people on the waitlist and that the list is posted on the website. Further, John noted that the financial condition of the Committee is that it is solvent with an adequate reserve for repairs/some improvements.

-The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted by John Wohler, Treasurer on July 21, 2024  
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