



TOWN OF NORWELL

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POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR MOORINGS AND WAITING LIST

Under MGL 310CMR 9.07 section 2 states the Harbormaster is required to "provide a written procedure for fair and equitable assignment from a waiting list for use of vacant or new moorings, floats or rafts." The following are the procedures adopted for this purpose as of July 1, 2009 for the Town of Norwell.

Chapter 91: Section 10A states that the Harbormaster of a city or town or whomever is so empowered by said city or town may authorize by permit the mooring on a temporary basis of floats or rafts held by anchors or bottom moorings within the jurisdiction of such city or town upon such terms, conditions and restrictions as he shall deem necessary. He shall act on applications for such permits within a period of fifteen days from receipt thereof.

The Harbormaster is responsible for maintaining and updating a waiting list. This list is available to the public by request to the Harbormaster.

The North River in Norwell has approximately 13 miles and was broken into 5 Regions.

1. Bridge Street to Pembroke.
2. Bridge Street East to Harbor Lane.
3. Harbor Lane to 85 Kings Landing
4. 85 Kings Landing to Stony Brook Creek.
5. Stony Brook Creek to Scituate line.

Mooring locations will be issued according to the region applied for in the waiting list application. The access point to get to the mooring location must be within a safe and reasonable distance to the mooring within that region.

A completed application for the waiting list must be filed and submitted to the Harbormaster by the registered owner of the vessel. Their name will be placed on the list in the region to which they have applied for.

Applicants that do not have direct access to a region will be allowed obtain written authorization from a property owner, an Association with a dock or Marina to use there

facility for access to the mooring. This authorization must be renewed each mooring year and approved by the Harbormaster. The loss of this authorization will result in the loss of the mooring unless another location and authorization is filed and approved by the Harbormaster.

When a mooring location becomes available the person at the top of the list will be notified and given the opportunity to either accept or reject the location. If they reject the location they will be placed at the bottom of the list to there region and the location will be offered to the next person on the list.

Mooring locations will not be transferred with the sale of any property. The mooring location will be re-issued from the waiting list for that region.

These policy and procedures will be adjusted from time by the Harbormaster as necessary.

Appeals must be in writing within thirty days after receiving notice of such refusal or of the imposition of such condition or restrictions pertaining to moorings, floats or rafts.

Appeals of this policy will be made to:

Division of Waterways
1 Winter Street 5th floor
Boston, Ma. 02108

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