

**VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH
WATERWAYS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOV 17, 2021 5:00 PM**

I. MEMBERS:

**Jerry Sullivan, Chairman
Bill Hipple, Vice Chairman – excused absence
Bruce Crawford, Secretary
Mark Michels, Welcome New Member
Ed Preti, Member
Paul Bartlett, Member
George Alger, Welcome New Member**

**II. GUESTS : Mark Mullinex, Village Councilman, Andy Lukasik, Village Manager, Rita Budnik and Lisa Gallagher, Shore Dr. residents attending re the large yacht issues
Chris “plat” Ryder, resident attending re NPB survey discrepancy issues
Ron Lance, resident attending re the Schwenke Earman River issue**

III. MINUTES APPROVAL : The Feb 5, 2019 meeting minutes were approved unanimously

IV. EXCUSAL OF ABSENT MEMBERS :Bill Hipple

V. MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC : Guests above commented on the issues stated above

VI. OLD BUSINESS : most of below was old business revisited

VII. NEW BUSINESS :

A. Earman River shoreline regulations :

Andy presented the issue of permits being applied for to restore existing seawalls and build new ones. And he showed and talked about alternatives and that the Village Council is leaning away from concrete and metal or plastic seawalls and toward more natural construction including rocks, wood, rip rap. Our WAB Board agreed with this preference for more natural materials for seawalls and liked the Jupiter plan which Andy showed as an example and how to deal with existing vs new seawalls.

B. Earman River Schwencke :

We all reviewed the terrible extortion which is going on in NPB for many years now, with no signs of hope coming from Village or Government or commercial interests who are paying ever higher payments to use the Earman River waterfront. Ron Lance is the sole remaining riverfront property owners who is standing up to them and litigating it. He reported on his progress. Good for him and shame on all the rest of us.

C. Yacht regulations :

Another multi-year continuing issue is home owners creating a marina-like mooring place for very large yachts creating more semi-commercial yacht maintenance traffic and very large blockage to waterfront views. The other problem of larger boats is they create prop wash which undercuts seawalls near their operation and stir up bottom material.

After discussion, the WAB suggested that draft (depth of hull into the water) or displacement (weight) were the best ways to limit vessel size and justified by the shallow portions of the NP Waterway where prop wash disturbs the bottom.

D. Lozman floating structures :

Andy briefed the WAB on the status or measures being taken to stop Lozman from developing floating homes in the Lake Worth Lagoon.

E. Anchorage Park Marina :

Andy briefed the WAB on the progress of work at Anchorage Park. Discussion turned to installing lifts and renting them and the WAB reiterated it's concerns about maintenance problems and costs and risks of public operating sometimes dangerous and temperamental lifts.

F. NPB Survey Discrepancies :

Chris Ryder discussed his findings that NPB survey info in vicinity of the NP Waterway had discrepancies including places where definition was missing and where definition did not match. The WAB is not sure what to do about these discrepancies and the Village has heard from before.

Does the Village wish to hire a surveyor to check these out and recommend action ?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm