

# MOORING POLICY

## **Section 1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Policy is to regulate the length of a boat, vessel and flotation for mooring.

## **Section 2. Authority for this Policy.**

Authority is granted through Chapter 86 (Harbor) section 7.

## **Section 3. Definitions.**

WELLS HARBOR -- The Webhannet River and all of its tributaries both now and hereafter appearing where the tide ebbs and flows.

## **Section 4. Regulations.**

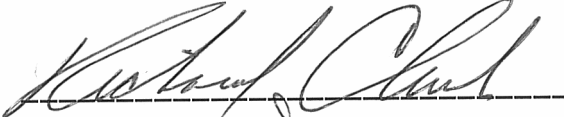
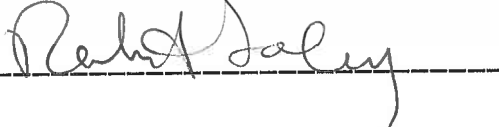
The Board of Selectmen make the following regulation:



- 1) Moorings will be limited to boats, vessels and flotations, which do not exceed 42' in length. Existing mooring permits for boats, vessels and flotations, which exceed 42 'shall be allowed.
- 2) Any change in the length (size) of a watercraft must be requested in writing and approved by the Harbor Master. In the event that the request to go from a small boat mooring to a large boat mooring is approved, the mooring holder will be placed on the mooring waiting list, according to the rules.
- 3) Except for emergencies or when approved by the Harbor Master, no watercraft shall be tied alongside any municipal float for more than 30 minutes at any one time, except that commercial watercraft, having an assigned mooring are allowed a maximum of 45 minutes upon return. Upon violation of this regulation, the watercraft will be subject to a \$50 fine and must be moved. The Harbor Master may extend these time limits for watercraft repairs.
- 4) In that instance when a mooring holder sells or doesn't put their vessel on the mooring assigned to him and the mooring fee is paid, he/she shall have a one-year grace period in which to replace the boat with one that likewise meets the size limitations. After the year's grace period, if the same size boat or one of smaller size is not placed back on the leased mooring by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year, the mooring will be forfeited and opened to the mooring waiting list applicants.

- 5) All boats shall be charged by the overall length. Overall length includes all fixed fore and aft extensions and pulpits and tender davits, and so forth.
- 6) It is the responsibility of the mooring holders to provide proof of ownership of a watercraft assigned to a specific mooring. Ownership must be proved at the time of application for a mooring permit.
- 7) Swimming or surfing is prohibited at all times within the confines of mooring basin and in the area between the jetties. Swimming in other areas of the harbor is at one's own risk. Diving, swimming or jumping off municipal floats or watercraft in Wells Harbor is prohibited.
- 8) All mooring holders must have liability insurance (minimum \$100,000) on their vessel and proof of insurance must accompany the mooring application. If liability coverage is not readily available or is cost prohibitive for the applicant, the applicant may make a request for special consideration and waiver of this provision to the Board of Selectmen. The request must be in writing, state the reasons for the waiver request, and provide specific information detailing the efforts made to secure insurance and the lack of success, the cost of any available policies, and any other relevant information. In considering the request, the Board shall evaluate the availability of coverage, the cost of policies that could be obtained, and the financial burden the premium would impose. The Selectmen shall consider the burden on the applicant of providing the insurance, any alternatives the applicant could provide, and the potential impact of the waiver on the Town, other mooring holders, and others using the harbor.
- 9) All mooring renewals must be paid in full by April 15<sup>th</sup> unless a signed agreement has been made in writing and approved by the Harbor Master. Any mooring not paid for by April 15<sup>th</sup> shall be revoked and given to the next appropriate vessel on the waiting lists.

Given under our hands this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF WELLS:

  
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