Town of Eastham Policy Guidelines
Vessel Storage Regulations and Policies

1.0 Authority

The Board of Selectmen, through the authority derived from MGL Chapter 91 (Waterways) hereby adopts a set of guidelines for Eastham's vessel storage.

2.0 Purpose:

The Town of Eastham vessel storage regulations have been established in order to provide effective utilization of the Town's coastal and inland water venues. This shall be done by controlling the placement of all vessels, establishing delineated spaces and annual removal. This will ensure that the environment and the locales be protected for all to benefit from in the future.

3.0 Definition of a Vessel

"Vessel" A vessel is every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water.

Vessels permitted to be stored under these regulations shall be no longer than twelve (12) feet in length except for canoes, kayaks, wind surfers, or paddle boards.

4.0 General Regulations:

4.1 Unless a vessel owner secures written permission from the Harbormaster or his/her designees for a proven need and that the vessel be actively used, no vessel shall be stored or placed on the Town's property between November 15th and April 15th of the following year. Any vessel placed or remaining between those dates shall be considered abandoned property under this regulation, and will be scrapped or otherwise disposed of by the Town. The Town of Eastham shall not be responsible for damage to or theft of any vessel on Town property or for loss of property considered abandoned under this regulation.

4.2 **A permit is required annually before any vessel shall be placed on Town of Eastham property listed below in Section 5.** All permits can be obtained at the Natural Resources/Harbor Master's office located at 555 Old Orchard Road, Eastham, MA, 02642. Office phone number is 508-240-5972

4.3 At no time shall vessels be placed outside of designated areas of any of the Town of Eastham parcels.

4.4 No vessel shall be placed as to cause damage to any Town of Eastham property.

4.5 Other than as may temporarily be required during launching, vessels shall not be placed on the launch ramp.

4.6 Trailer storage is prohibited over night on the Town of Eastham's property unless a vessel owner secures permission from the Harbormaster or his/her designees.

4.7 No vessels (boat, kayak, canoe, paddleboard, etc.) may be stored on Town beaches M.G.L. Chapter 88, Section 19 and Eastham Beach Rules and Regulations. All vessel storage shall be at designated areas as specifically described in Section 5.

4.8 A fee may be imposed for a vessel storage permit. The amount shall be determined annually by the Board of Selectmen.

4.9 Vessels shall be placed at only one location approved in Section 5.0. Each vessel is a separate permit. Change of location without approval from the Harbormaster and his/her designees shall result in removal of the vessel, fines and revocation of vessel permit for the year.

4.9.1 Only two vessels may be stored per household.

5.0 Town of Eastham Property List

The following is the list of the Town owned property where vessels may be stored between April 16th and November 14th (of the same calendar year). Vessels may be stored only in areas within these parcels as designated by the Harbormaster.

1) Map 019 / Parcel 015A: (Known as Boat Meadow)

2) Map 015 / Parcel 118: (Known as Hemenway Landing)

3) Map 012 / Parcel 319: (Known as Salt Pond Landing)

4) Map 014 / Parcel 097: (Known as Great Pond Landing)

5) Map 001 / Parcel 097: (Known as South Sunken Meadow)

6.0 Section D. Violations and Penalties

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws: Chapter 40 – (Powers and Duties of Cities and Towns), Section 21D – (Non-criminal disposition of ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation violations) the following regulations do apply:

6.1 Any person who violates any provision of these rules, regulations or law shall be punishable by a fine of two hundred dollars ($200) for each offense, except where a violation takes place in an area further restricted by statute, where the penalty

shall be set by that statute. Each day's continued violation shall constitute a separate offense.

6.2 The foregoing regulations shall be enforced by, the Harbormaster and his/her designees and any Police Officer of the Town of Eastham.

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