



Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Date: 10/1/24

Item #: 5

Item Title: Channel Marker Maintenance Agreement

Item Summary: Recently the parties to this MOA worked out an agreement for the relocation of four channel markers to deeper water to provide a safer channel for boaters. Since that project, town staff has been working with the Southern Shores Civic Association, the Martins Point Homeowners Association as well as the US Coast Guard Auxiliary to formalize an agreement for the maintenance of the channel markers in the Ginguite Creek Channel.

The MOA spells out the process for minor repairs to the existing "Private Aids to Navigation" (PATON). Private Aids to Navigation include lighted structures and daybeacons, lighted and unlighted buoys, RACONS and fog signals, which are installed and maintained by anyone other than the Coast Guard.

To establish and maintain, discontinue, change, or transfer ownership of a PATON, we must apply to the Commander of the Coast Guard District in which the aid is or will be located by submitting a CG-2554 application. For this MOA to reference recent and accurate placement of the markers, the US Coast Guard will re-establish the current characteristics and organizational contacts for all of the navigation aids associated with the Ginguite Creek Channel. As this has yet to occur, the MOA references this date as a "TBD".

Staff Recommendation and Requested Action: Approval of the MOA contingent upon the successful completion of a new CG -2554 Private Aids to Navigation Application.