



Office of the Inspector General Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Inspector General's Investigation Leads to New Harbor Management Plan for Harwich, January 2004

The Harwich Board of Selectmen issued a new Harbor Management Plan in January 2004 as a result of an investigation by the Office of the Inspector General.

The investigation found that Harwich Port Boat Works, a private business, controlled many town-owned moorings and leased them to favored customers.

State law requires that the local harbormaster control and assign boat moorings in public waters.

As a result of Inspector General Gregory Sullivan's July 2003 report, *Favoritism & Private Gain in the Assignment of Boat Moorings in the Town of Harwich, July 2003*, the Harwich Board of Selectmen issued a new Harbor Management Plan, which placed control and assignment of boat moorings located in town waters with the Harwich Harbormaster as required by the state law.