

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

March 9, 2011

5:15 PM

MINUTES

Chairman Robert Tassi
Joel Powers
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard

Vice-Chairman Doug Cole
Taylor Allen
Will Gartley
Chip Bauer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:26 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. A quorum of members was not present. The minutes for January 11th, February 9th and March 9th will be voted on at the next Harbor Committee meeting.

2. REVIEW MARINE AND STORAGE FEES

- a. The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed marine and storage fee schedule submitted by the Harbormaster. Winter storage fees and fees for the trimaran have been included. The fee schedule will be submitted to the Select Board on March 21st.

Mr. Allen recommended fee increases be equitable “across the board.” The Committee recommends charging \$250 per season for the use of the Goose River float.

Mr. Powers motioned to approve the proposed fee schedule with one (1) change regarding Goose River. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cole and passed 4-0.

- b. Fisherman own 4 or 5 private floats located along the side of the Goose River. They do not pay the commercial float fee. The Harbormaster will consider removing the Goose River floats once the new Town floats are installed at the Harbor.
- c. Nigel Bower and Bonnie Schmidt own the schooner ‘Heron’ which offers 3 hour sailing trips. Parking at Marine Park is limited to 2 hours. Sailing passengers parking on the site are impacting other visitors to the harbor. Cramer Park could be used for additional parking.

A recommendation will be made to the Town Manager to have police officers address parking issues at Marine Park.

3. APPLICATION OF JOHN HANSEN – Pier, Seasonal Gangway and Float

- a. Mr. Gartley (representing John Hansen) presented the application for a deep water pier, seasonal gangway and float. His firm is working with Steve Durell of Prock Marine on the project. The bulkhead will be attached at the shore by pinning it to the ledge.
- b. Committee members expressed concern regarding the safety of the gangway and float during a storm. They recommended the owner consider using a ramp that can be hauled up and held in place using side by side chains to moorings to protect movement of the float. The members also discussed creating a shorter gangway and being able to remove the gangway during a storm. Mr. Gartley will present the suggestions to the owner.
- c. Dr. Cole motioned to approve the application of John Hansen but strongly recommends the ramp be able to be lifted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and passed 4-0.
- d. The Harbormaster will create a letter of approval to be submitted to the Planning Board. Mr. Gartley will make adjustments to the plan and will submit same to the Planning Board, Army Corps of Engineers and the DEP.

4. REVIEW OF ‘MARITAL’ MOORINGS

- a. A question has arisen regarding the actual owner of a ‘marital’ mooring. The Harbor Committee considers the person’s name that is listed on a mooring to be the owner of the mooring. Some moorings are registered to LLCs. The issue is a civil matter which should be settled and the correct owner’s name forwarded to the Town.
- b. The Harbor Committee recommends a ‘marital’ mooring be offered to the surviving spouse in the event of death.

5. HARBORMASTER’S REPORT

- a. Ms. Leonard returns to work on March 14, 2011.
- b. The Harbormaster received a request from the commercial operator of a 68’ schooner to operate day sailing trips out of Rockport Harbor. Ms. Leonard will contact the owner for additional information.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on April 14th at 5:15 p.m. at the Rockport Town Office.

8. ADJOURN

The Harbor Committee adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody V. Sainio
Recording Secretary