

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

**Marine Park
August 12, 2010
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

Chairman Robert Tassi
Joel Powers
Mario Turi
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard
Town Manager Robert Peabody

Doug Cole
Taylor Allen
Sharilyn Morton
Sani Fogel
David Lyman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

a. Chairman Tassi opened the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Allen clarified that Rockport Marine is not required to provide a pump-out station as long as a pump-out station is available for boaters.

Mr. Allen motioned to accept the minutes of July 15, 2010 as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Turi and passed unanimously.

2. PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF ROCKPORT HARBOR MOORING POLICY– David Lyman

Mr. Lyman reviewed proposed changes to the Harbor Mooring Policy with the Harbor Committee. The proposed changes include: mooring ownership, abandoned moorings, mooring rental, vessel maintenance in storms, and storm preparations for harbor committee approval.

This matter will be addressed by the Harbor Committee during meetings in the winter months.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- a. Ms. Leonard expressed interest in taking the 100 hour police course. Completion of the course would allow her the ability to issue parking tickets at Marine Park.
- b. The Harbormaster reported the t-shirts have been selling well. However, the time a park attendant is in the office is taking away from other duties. Camden has a volunteer that oversees retail sales at the harbor. Ms. Leonard will propose dedicating an office person for the next season. That person could possibly assist as a tour guide as well.
- c. Mr. Tassi asked why three (3) moorings in Clam Cove belong to one (1) property owner. Ms.

Leonard answered that the owner has a riparian mooring, a residential mooring and a mooring in front of the house that is used during inclement weather when the float is brought closer to shore and attached to the mooring for safety reasons. Vessels are not attached to this mooring. The former owner of the property purchased the residential mooring when no one else on the waiting list was interested in purchasing it.

Mr. Tassi questioned whether this would be setting precedence. He recommended a definition be written and included in the ordinance.

All moorings need to be registered.

- d. The Harbormaster reported high counts of enterococci have been detected at Goodie's Beach this summer. An article in the Herald Gazette referred to the beach as the "dirtiest beach" which is an incorrect statement.

A meeting will be held on August 17th at 9:00 a.m. to investigate the matter. A dye test will be done to help determine the source of the pollution. It does not appear the source is overboard discharge.

- e. Mr. Tassi reported a new electricity line needs to be installed to offer more reliable electricity. He said the electricity is "fickle, "at best and keeps tripping. Equipment is overheating and chargers last only one (1) year instead of five (5). The electrical pedestal and lamp on the tree are not working.

Aaron Kurr will bury the electrical line and redo the conduit at an estimated cost of \$2,000. New electrical pedestals have been ordered for Mr. Tassi and Mr. Kingston. Mr. Allen suggested purchasing a pedestal for the pump-out station.

- f. Parking remains an issue at the Harbor.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Legacy Rockport will be held at Marine Park on August 22nd and not August 15th as previously planned.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on September 30th at 5:00 p.m. at the Rockport Town Office.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody V. Sainio
Recording Secretary

