

# **ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE**

## **Rockport Marine**

**July 15, 2010**

**5:00 PM**

## **MINUTES**

Vice-chairman Robert Tassi  
Doug Cole  
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard  
Town Manager Robert Peabody

Joel Powers  
Mario Turi  
Nigel "Twig" Bower

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- a. Vice-chairman Tassi opened the meeting at 5:10 p.m.
- b. Mr. Bower is seeking permission to locate an ice cream cart at the Harbor from 9:30 a.m. until sunset, seven days each week, weather permitting. The cart would have an umbrella, desk and display case and would be removed each evening from the site. The refrigeration unit uses approximately the same amount of energy as an ice machine and would plug in to power at the site.
- b. Dr. Cole motioned to approve the minutes of June 24, 2010. The motion was seconded by Dr. Turi and passed 4-0.

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

- a. Dr. Cole motioned to appoint Mr. Tassi as chairman for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed 4-0.
- b. Mr. Powers motioned to appoint Dr. Cole as vice-chairman for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tassi and passed 4-0.

### **2. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT**

- a. Ms Leonard reported the Town has received a \$43, 900 Federal SHP Grant. There currently is \$8,500 in the float project account. Chris Shrum is researching another grant which requires a match from the town. The funds from the current grant could possibly be used as the Town's match. The larger grant would cover the cost of underground conduit wiring; redo the lighting with new poles and down cast lights. Overhead power is considered dangerous for the launching of boats. The area across the harbor near the Rockport Boat Club could be paved for drainage and parking.

The second grant will be awarded in September and is geared to boating infrastructure and water issues such as a pump-out station for boat septage. Rockport Marine will be required to install a pump-out station or could participate with the Town in installing a unit. Rockport would cover the expenses of the maintenance.

- b. The Select Board will establish a policy which allows the Town of Rockport to charge a \$50 late fee. This matter is not currently included in the Town's Ordinance.
- c. Water tests taken at Goodie's Beach have been very high in contaminants. Water draining into the harbor from a culvert, is part of stream that starts in a swamp behind Peter Hall's property on West Street. An "Advisory" is currently in effect in the Harbor.
- d. A resident on Pleasant Street has been replacing his own sewer pipe. Mr. Peabody will research this matter.
- e. The Harbormaster noted the boat "Grady White" experienced a hit and run accident. A juvenile was responsible for the damage.
- f. Ms. Leonard received a request from the "Wilson Darwin" to dock for a night in Rockport Harbor. The vessel is estimated to measure 130' x 30'.

### **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. There was no further business.

### **4. NEXT MEETING**

The next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on August 12th at 5:00 p.m. at the Harbormaster's Building, weather permitting.

### **5. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody V. Sainio  
Recording Secretary