

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

June 19, 2014

5:15 PM

MINUTES

Chairman Mario Turi
Sam Temple
Tim Hoffman
Gordon Best
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard

Joel Powers
Peter van der Kieft
Barbara Chapman
Brendan Riordon
Public Works Director Mike Young

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Dr. Turi opened the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

1. DISCUSS LOCATION FOR RECREATIONAL FISHING

- a. Public Works refit the new docks with hardware for the ramp and the stiff arm which will be removed when the pilings are driven. There will be adequate room for recreational fishermen on the dock.
- b. Signs have been ordered asking fishermen to yield to oncoming boat traffic.

2. DISCUSS "COMMERCIAL USE OF FLOATS POLICY"

- a. The Harbormaster's Building side of the harbor is designated recreational and the Rockport Marine side of the harbor is designated commercial. Some commercial boats have been using the recreational floats to pick up passengers. This could create a liability issue.
- b. Fourteen fishermen work off the commercial dock. They pay a fee based on the Town's cost to maintain the dock. The 'Schooner Heron' is currently the only charter vessel with a lease agreement with the Town.
- c. There will be 100' of new dock frontage courtesy of a grant and donations. Spaces for dockage cannot be leased exclusively.
- d. Parking remains an issue at Marine Park.
- e. Ms. Leonard will draw up proposals for a Floats Policy and send out the draft via e-mail for Committee review.

3. PROJECTS UPDATE

- a. Pavement at commercial side of the Harbor has been patched. The Harbormaster will budget to fix the parking lot in the future. The fishermen now have access to 60 amp electrical power.
- b. The fuel tank was moved from the original location to behind the shack on the commercial side. The pipe is closer to the Boat Club than planned but has fire marshal approval.
- c. Public Works repaired the damage caused when the Timberwind broke loose during a storm. They also installed the water line along the headwall.

- d. The “Fox on the Run” food truck currently uses the Harbormaster’s parking spot and plugs into the clothes dryer plug. The food truck will be moved to a more convenient spot at Marine Park with electric hook-up.

4. HARBORMASTER’S REPORT

- a. The Harbor Lighting Project has been placed out to bid.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Mr. Temple motioned to approve the minutes of May 22, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. van der Kieft and passed 5-0.

7. NEXT MEETING

- a. The next regular Harbor Committee meeting will be set at a later date. .

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Mr. van der Kieft motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Sainio
Recording Secretary