

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

October 10, 2013

5:15 PM

MINUTES

Chairman Mario Turi
Sam Temple
Peter van der Kieft
Asst. Public Works Mike Young
Nigel Bower

Joel Powers
Tim Hoffman
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard
Planner Bill Najpauer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Dr. Turi opened the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

1. DISCUSS COMMERCIAL USE OF FLOATS & MARINE PARK

- a. The Harbormaster contacted area harbor towns regarding the commercial use of floats in their respective harbors. The floats in other towns are used exclusively for picking up or dropping off passengers. Rockland charges \$50 per boat per visit for charter boats
- b. Signage for Marine Park – individual vs. communal - was discussed.
- c. The Schooner Timberwind float may become available to the Town. The Harbormaster and Harbor Committee discussed the following:
 - Whether or not to encourage another entity to fill the vacancy of the Timberwind,
 - Limit charter boats,
 - Designate one (1) float for coming and going vessels,
 - Procedures for the use of float space,
 - Define commercial use of floats,
 - Differentiate between charter and commercial use,
 - Draft a proposal for harbor use, keeping in mind that commercial entities should not use a recreational float.

Ms. Leonard will present a draft document for harbor use at an upcoming Harbor Committee meeting.

2. PRESENTATION OF FINAL DRAFT OF THE ENGINEERED PLAN FOR MARINE PARK

- a. The Harbor Committee reviewed the final draft of the engineered plan for Marine Park.
- b. The picnic tables will be relocated and parking spaces added at Marine Park.
- c. Mr. Young recommended establishing additional “green space” at the harbor.
- d. A trail through the harbor was discussed. More vegetation will be cut in the spring of 2014. Maps, for hiking use, could be printed indicating where the trail will be located.

Mr. Hoffman motioned and Mr. Temple seconded to proceed with the trail in accordance with the area. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. Mr. Hoffman suggested Dragon Cement be contacted for work on the lime kilns.

3. 2014 – 2015 HARBOR FEES REVIEW

- a. The 2014-2015 Harbor Fee Schedule was discussed. Vessels needing power at the harbor will be required to pay for electricity. Only the dinghy river dock fee will be increased for the next season.

Mr. Powers motioned and Mr. van der Kieft seconded the motion to approve the fee schedule as prepared. The motion passed unanimously.

4. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- a. The Harbor Committee will meet with the Select Board on November 12th and provide an update on Harbor Committee activities during 2013.
- b. Maple trees along the pump station wall have been thinned out but the roots left for winter stabilization. DEP does not allow trees to be "topped." A 25' x 50' grid will be mapped for proper points. A plan will be established for the replanting of trees in 2014 for additional stabilization.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None

6. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 MINUTES

- a. Mr. Temple motioned and Mr. Powers seconded to approve the minutes of September 12, 2013 as amended. The motion passed 5-1.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Mr. Powers motioned and Mr. Temple seconded to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

8. NEXT MEETING

- a. The Harbor Committee meeting will meet with the Select Board on November 12, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Sainio
Recording Secretary

