

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

October 15, 2015

5:15 PM

Chairman Mario Turi
Peter van der Kieft
Selectman Geoff Parker

Sam Temple
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard
P.W. Director Mike Young

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by Chairman Turi.

1. REVIEW HARBOR FEES

- a. The Harbormaster provided a proposed fee schedule for the Committee's review. Rockport is at the median of all coastal towns contacted. The Town would like to attract more boats to visit the harbor. There were no overnight harbor visits in 2015.
- b. The Committee discussed lowering evening and overnight docking fees. Typical evening hours are from 5 pm until 8 pm with Marine Park closing at 8 pm.
- c. The Committee discussed a 1 (one) hour free on dock after at \$10 per hour and off dock at \$9 per hour from 5 pm until 8 pm. for residents and mooring holders and 'as space allows.' The Harbormaster recommends this one (1) change to the existing fee schedule.
- d. The Town Manager, Public Works Director and Harbormaster will discuss increasing rates for overnight vehicle parking.
- e. Parking is available at RES free instead of fishermen's side of the harbor.
- f. Brochures, 'for sale' signs and winter storage will be addressed at a later meeting.
- g. Mr. Temple suggested rack space for kayaks be reduced from \$100 to \$75 per season (launching included).
- h. Mr. Temple motioned to accept the Harbor Fee Schedule as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. van der Kieft and passed 3-0.

2. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- a. The Harbormaster reported many boats have not yet been removed from the harbor. The first section of the new dock will be left in the water for the winter. The remainder of the floats will be removed.
- b. Composite floats are in need of repair and cannot be stacked. These floats will be kept near the launch rack. The fishermen's float will be removed by the end of October. The Heron's float will remain in place.
- c. The Committee also discussed mooring spaces, permits, placement of docks and tie-offs on floats.

- d. Mr. Temple recommended sending letters to mooring holders explaining possible changes and ask for feedback.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Mr. van der Kieft motioned to approve the minutes for July 23, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple and passed 3-0.
- b. Mr. Temple motioned to approve the minutes of August 27, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. van der Kieft and passed 3-0.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on November 19, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. at the Rockport Town Office.

8. ADJOURN

Mr. Temple motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. van der Kieft and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody V. Sainio
Recording Secretary