

# ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

October 23, 2014

5:15 PM

MINUTES

Chairman Mario Turi  
Brendan Riordon  
Public Works Director Mike Young  
Selectman Geoff Parker  
Scott Rocknak

Tim Hoffman  
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard  
Town Manager Rick Bates  
Bob Iserbyt

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Dr. Turi opened the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

## 1. DISCUSSION OF MARINE PARK FEES

- a. The Harbor Committee reviewed the proposed Maine Harbor Fee Comparison provided by the Harbormaster.

## 2. COMMERCIAL OPERATOR PERMIT REVIEW

- a. Committee members and the Harbormaster discussed the proposed Commercial Boat Operator Float Use Permit (an agreement between the Town and boat owner). The new float, "A," cannot be leased for two (2) years but will be used by recreational boaters. Float "E", formerly used by the Schooner Timberwind, will be located next to the fishermen and will have a 15 minute load and unload time. Schooner Heron will remain in its current location. Boat owners will be asked to park near the Boat Club.

Fishermen will be encouraged to attend the next meeting.

## 3. GRANT PROJECT UPDATE

- a. The light poles for the Grant Program were installed on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Wire has been run to the floats and four (4) marine pedestals. Wire will be run through the conduit on Monday, October 27, 2014. A change order was needed to upgrade the wire with a GFI.

## 4. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- a. CMP and Fairpoint will change the light poles.
- b. James Francomano will begin as the new Town Planner on November 14, 2014. Rodney Lynch will remain as Interim Planner for one (1) month to assist with the transition.
- c. The new harbor floats will be constructed in-house at Public Works. The Harbormaster will obtain three (3) price quotes for the project. By doing the construction in-house, there is a possibility of constructing sixth (6) float.
- d. A number of boats remain in the harbor.
- e. A boat recently purchased at the YMCA auction, sunk in 64' of water in the harbor. The Coast Guard does not consider the boat to be a hazard in the harbor due to its depth.

- f. The Harbormaster is refinishing the bathroom floors.
- g. The lease for the Schooner Heron will be up for renewal in March 2015.
- h. The Harbor Committee discussed publishing a flyer that would explain the workings of the harbor along with a handbook for boaters.
- i. The Harbor Rules Policy will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Mr. Riordon recommended establishing a temporary skating rink in winter on the grassy center green space after Christmas

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes of June 19, 2014 and September 26, 2014 will be voted on at the next Harbor Committee meeting.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

- a. The next regular Harbor Committee meeting will be held on November 20, 2014.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. The Harbor Committee adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Sainio  
Recording Secretary