

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

November 17, 2011

5:15 PM

MINUTES

Chairman Robert Tassi
Joel Powers
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard
John Alexander

Taylor Allen
Mario Turi
Select Person Sani Fogel

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 by Chairman Tassi.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Dr. Turi motioned to approve the minutes of October 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed unanimously.

A reserve fund is in place for a replacement engine for the Harbormaster's boat. Ms. Leonard will research if the funds could be used for a commercial float.

2. John Alexander – Mooring Discussion

- a. Mr. Alexander's name slipped off the mooring list 3 years ago. He forwarded a letter to the Town Manager requesting to be placed back on the list. The only available mooring was in the outer harbor and Mr. Alexander preferred an inner harbor location. Mr. Alexander does not believe he should pay additional fees since the mooring ball and shackles have been removed and placed on the shore of the harbor.
- b. The Harbormaster has not been contacted since 2009 regarding this matter. While attempting to locate an acceptable mooring location, Mr. Alexander was allowed to place his boat in the inner harbor. An inner harbor mooring is not available at this time but his name will remain on the waiting list.
- c. The matter was discussed at length. Mr. Alexander indicated he paid the mooring bill in good faith and would like the situation to be resolved. The Harbor Committee does not micro-manage the Harbormaster and considers the issue to be a civil matter.

3. Review of Designated Anchorage

- a. Designated Anchorage will be placed on the January agenda.

4. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- a. Ms. Fogel complimented Ms. Leonard for the Harbormaster speech she presented at the Rockport Opera House.
- b. The Harbormaster provided a new sketch for the Ship Grant. There will be one (1) float (possibly two) less than anticipated. Piling have been decreased from 11 to two. Cantilevered pilings would be driven at least 15' into the bottom of the ocean according to the specification. The Committee agreed that 6' would be reasonable to drive in the pilings. Ms. Leonard will contact MDOT to inquire if pilings need to be sunken 15' into the ocean floor. She will also contact marine engineers for their opinions.

The specifications will be sent to the MDOT on Friday and the grant will be placed out to bid in December. Town funds have been spent on engineering costs.

The Harbormaster budgets for the replacement of ten pilings per year. Plastic caps have been ordered for the tops of the pilings. It costs approximately \$400 for the process to transform a tree into a piling. The estimates life span of a piling is 10 years.

- c. The Harbormaster would like to set dredging of the Harbor on a 20 years cycle even though it is over 20 years since the harbor has been dredged. The federal government will not dredge the river. Two boulders at the mouth of the Goose River (in federal waters) need to be removed.
- d. The electrician will be on site at the Harbor on Friday. The electric pedestal will be secured and the conduit repaired.
- e. The Garden Club has hired a bucket truck to put lights and buoys on the Harbor Christmas tree.
- f. The cost of the pump for the pump out station will increase in January 2012. The pump will be ordered early and stored at Public Works until installed.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on January 19, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. at the Rockport Town Office.

6. ADJOURN

Mr. motioned to adjourn the Harbor Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody V. Sainio
Recording Secretary

