

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE
Rockport Town Office
February 26, 2015
5:15 PM
MINUTES

Chairman Mario Turi
Peter van der Kieft
Barbara Chapman
Public Works Director Mike Young
John Priestley

Sam Temple
Brendan Riordon
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard
Selectman Geoff Parker
Rob Iserbyt

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Dr. Turi opened the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

1. COMMERCIAL OPERATOR PERMIT ACCEPTANCE

- a. Committee members reviewed the proposed Float Use Permit. The concept of the Committee is to use the “E” float for one (1) hour at a time. Floats “B” and “C” could be used for 15 minutes at a time. The Committee did not agree with #6 regarding a Schedule of Services.
- b. Ms. Chapman motioned to accept the Float Use Permit with the exception of #6. The motion was seconded by Mr. van der Kieft and passed 4-0.

2. REVIEW OF PROPOSED HARBOR BUDGET

- a. The Harbor Committee and Harbormaster reviewed the proposed budget. Necessary changes will be made and the document forwarded to the Select Board for review.
- b. The proposed Harbor budget would include: lighting at the harbor; a complete light pole (the base is in position); public access to the fiber network; setup of the security cameras; credit card hook-up; and an on-line calendar for harbor reservation. The food wagon will have a dedicated electrical panel at the site.
- c. Some residents expressed concerns regarding the noise level during events at the Harbor (i.e. Pop the Cork, etc.)

3. REVIEW AND VOTE OF AMENDED BY-LAWS

- a. The Select Board is attempting to standardize the by-laws of all committees. Harbor Committee members discussed reducing the number of members from seven (7) to five (5) with three (3) members creating a quorum. The secretary not is not considered part of the Harbor Committee. “Recording” will be added in front of ‘secretary.’
- b. Mr. Riordon left the meeting at 5:52 pm. He previously tendered his resignation effective in March.
- c. Mr. Temple motioned to change the numbers of members of the Harbor Committee from seven (7) members to five (5) members. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chapman and

passed 3-1 with Dr. Turi voting against.

- d. Mr. Temple motioned to amend the previous motion to include “If a member fails to attend three (3) meetings, without approval, within 12 months, that member will be removed from the Harbor Committee.” Mr. van der Kieft seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.
- e. Ms. Chapman motioned to accept the by-laws as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. van der Kieft and passed 4-0.
- f. Mr. Priestley addressed the Committee regarding issues with his catamaran: the storage rate rose from \$400 in 2013 to \$1,000 in 2014 and the launch date has been moved from July 1st to June 1st which does not allow him time to do maintenance work on the catamaran before the launch date. It was Mr. Priestley’s opinion the catamaran would not create a parking problem.
- g. A boat owner could petition the Harbormaster and state a specific reason (inclement weather, hardship, etc.) for requesting additional time to work on a vessel.
- h. Changes will be made to the parking lot on the fishermen’s side of the harbor. Once paved, less annual work will be required for the parking area.

4. GRANT PROJECT UPDATE

- a. Four (4) bids were received for the piling project. Two Harbor Marine was the lowest bidder. Two Harbor Marine later pulled their bid since they did not submit the Performance Bond as required.

Prock Marine was awarded the bid. The mobilization bid was \$11,000 to bring the barge to Rockport harbor. Prock Marine was the only bidder on the commercial side. The contract calls for the piles to be driven by April 9, 2015. The completion date may need to be changed to May 30th due to the weather.

Custom Floats will send the float kit to Public Works for construction. It will cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000 more to build with green heart wood compared to using pressure treated wood.

5. HARBORMASTER’S REPORT

- a. A boat owned by Danny Dodge is sinking in the harbor.
- b. The food truck will be located adjacent to the Andre’ sculpture by June 1, 2015.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Mr. Temple motioned to accept the minutes of June 19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. van der Kieft and passed 4-0.
- b. Mr. van der Kieft motioned to accept the minutes of September 25, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple and passed 4-0.
- c. Mr. Temple motioned to accept the minutes of October 23, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. van der Kieft and passed 4-0.

8. NEXT MEETING

- a. The next regular Harbor Committee meeting will be held on March 26, 2015.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The Harbor Committee adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Sainio
Recording Secretary