

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

March 14, 2013

5:15 PM

MINUTES

Chairman Joel Powers

Sam Temple

Bob Tassi

Harbormaster Abbie Leonard

Select Person Charlton Ames

Gary Neville

Vice-Chairman Mario Turi

Peter van der Kieft

Tim Hoffman

Asst. P. W. Director Mike Young

Rob Iserbyt

Elaine Huber-Neville

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Mr. Powers opened the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF FLOAT CONFIGURATION

- a. The Harbormaster, Interim Town Manager and Finance Director met and decided new floats will not be constructed this year. Existing ramp floats will be reinforced until new floats can be purchased. Some of the older floats are unsafe and will not be used.
- b. Expenditures will be spread over two (2) years instead of one (1) year because of the budget.

2. ROB ISERBYT – ROCKPORT CHARTERS - (Harvest Moon)

- a. Mr. Iserbyt provides marine based transportation and mooring diving services from Rockport Harbor. He would like to better establish a business presence in Marine Park. Other vessels are for usage of the harbor and dock space and have the right to operate out of harbor. He would like to enter into the same type of agreement with the Town.
- b. Mr. Iserbyt requested permission to utilize the float currently used by “The Heron” when the float is not in use. He would provide brochures at the pier and have a business sign at the entrance of Marine Park that would read “Harvest Moon.” Passengers are asked to park across the harbor underneath the bridge.
- c. The “Harvest Moon” business is not expanding but would be operating legitimately as a charter business. Mr. Tassi did not anticipate any problem if the business continues as it is currently established.
- d. The Harbor Committee will consider Mr. Iserbyt’s proposal.

3. BODIN PROPERTIES, LLC – Represented by Gary Neville

- a. The proposed project would encompass a 6’ x 124’ wood walkway pier, a 4’ x 45’ seasonal aluminum ramp and 16’ x 30’ wooden float. Two (2) float pilings would hold the seasonal float. Granite blocks pinned to the existing bedrock and granite piers will support the construction. A 4’ wide stairway to the beach is proposed as access from the embankment. On site construction will take approximately two (2) weeks.

- b. The Department of Environmental Protection, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Conservation have given approval for the project.
- c. The Aroostook Band of Micmacs Cultural/THPO Office, The Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Indian Nation Cultural & Historic Preservation Department do not anticipate any impact on cultural and historical concerns for their nations
- d. Dr. Turi recommended approval of the Bodin Properties, LLC dock project to the Rockport Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tassi and passed 6-0.

4. REVIEW OF HARBORMASTER'S BUDGET

The Harbormaster's budget has been submitted to the Town Manager.

5. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- a. Errors were found in the mooring bills that were mailed on March 13th. The errors are being corrected.
- b. The Harbormaster regouted sinks in the bathroom.
- c. Ms. Leonard will attend harbormaster training in Castine next week. Assistant Public Works Director Mike Young will also attend the training so he will be able to cover when Ms. Leonard is not available.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Tassi will be "pulling" the main mast on the Schooner Timberwind early in April because of rot. A temporary shelter will be constructed. He anticipates it will take approximately two (2) weeks to repair the damage to the mast. Mr. Tassi intends to be as non-intrusive as possible in harbor.

7. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 1, 2012 MINUTES

Mr. Tassi motioned to accept the minutes of November 1, 2012 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Turi and passed 6-0.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Turi motioned to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple and passed unanimously.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on April 18, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Sainio
Recording Secretary

