

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

May 21, 2015

5:15 PM

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

Sam Temple
Tim Hoffman
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:22 p.m. by Chairman Turi.

1. SET FEE FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE ON THE FLOATS AT MARINE PARK

- a. Four (4) marine pedestals, with both 30 amp and 50 amp services, have been installed near the "B" and "C" floats. The pedestals may need to be raised 2'. A recent storm flooded the pedestals which were tested and proven to be still functioning. All electrical installations were done to code.
- b. The Harbormaster provided a proposed marine fee schedule for Committee review. She did a cost comparison with surrounding harbor towns.
- c. Mr. Hoffman proposed to accept the fees submitted by the Harbormaster. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chapman and passed 5-0.

2. GRANT AND PROJECT UPDATES

- a. The new floats are completely finished. The composite decking, used for the floats, took longer to install but should wear well.
- b. MDOT extended the completion date of the project to June 30, 2015 because of winter/spring weather conditions.
- c. The new floats are 8" to 10" higher than the older floats. The first float put in the water will be retrofitted with an older float.
- d. Prock Marine will notify the Town approximately two (2) weeks before the barge arrives to install the pilings. The floats will be launched previous to the barge arriving. Floats will be moved from one side of the harbor to the other while work is being done. The boat launch may be blocked for one (1) day. Prock Marine estimates working two (2) days on the commercial side and two (2) days on the marine park side
- e. Single pilings are vulnerable but survived the winter. However, winter ice moved one (1) of the dolphins which will be repaired.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- a. The mooring bills had the following included, "All mooring owners must show proof of their current excise tax and registration number to the Town Clerk." All vessels must be registered or documented. Some boat owners were unaware a fee was required to have their boat in the harbor. All moorings are inspected annually.

- b. Some moorings appear to be unused or abandoned.
- c. Caleb Lincoln is working at the Harbor during the summer.
- d. The food is now located in the center green next to the statue of Andre'. Parking (other than the truck) will not be allowed in the circle. Tickets will be issued if parking does occur.
- f. Public Works cut the curbing back to make it easier for drivers to pass. Parking spots will be repainted.
- g. Ms. Chapman reported she fell on the slippery fisherman's ramp. She is concerned that others may fall. Mr. Young said he will put additional bolts in the ramp to help with traction.
- h. Ms. Chapman represented the fishermen by informing the Harbor Committee the security cameras at the harbor are not working correctly. One (1) camera is on the Harbormaster's Building and the other is on the Boat Club building but they are not positioned well. The photos are blurry and no photos can be taken at night. Vandalism is taking place during the night. A pump, gasoline and other items have been stolen. Ms. Leonard has contacted the Police Department but is "not getting far" with the officers responding. She will attempt to contact the Police again.
- i. Mainely Lobster plans to install its own camera security system.
- j. The Harbormaster went through household trash that was left in the park dumpster. All types of identification had been removed from the discarded trash.
- k. Mr. Young reported a tree fell on a light head creating a 2" hole. The cost to replace the light head was \$1,600.

4. Other Business

- a. Some of the boats stored at the harbor have not been launched due to the weather. All boats are scheduled to be in the water by June 1, 2015.

A crane for launching the trimaran is expected to be on-site June 1, 2015.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Temple motioned to accept the minutes of February 26, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. van de Kieft and passed 5-0.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on June 18, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. at the Rockport Town Office.

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Temple motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chapman and passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody V. Sainio
Recording Secretary