

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

May 31, 2012

5:15 PM

MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Doug Cole
Joel Powers
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard
Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk

Taylor Allen
Mario Turi
Select Person Sani Fogel
Shay Grant

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Cole.

1. Update on Pump-Out Station

- a. The pump-out station had been installed. A leaking hose was returned for replacement. Signs have been ordered that will inform interested boaters Harbor employees will pump out vessel holding tanks at no charge. The hose fixtures will be secured each evening in a locked box.

The Pump-Out Grant will cover the cost of operation for the first three (3) years. Ms. Leonard expects the pump-out fee to be approximately \$5.00 after that.

2. Update on SHIP Grant Project

- a. The Harbormaster reported the new docks have been well made and do not crowd the mouth of the Goose River. The existing ladder will be removed for safety reasons.
- b. A Letter of Intent has been signed for a future grant. The grant, if awarded, would be used to upgrade lighting on the harbor side and not used for paving of the parking lot as initially discussed.
- c. Underground wiring will be installed at Marine Park. This would allow boats to be launched earlier and removed later in the season. It would also be easier for events to be held at the Harbor. The current wires are overhead which have created problems in the past.

3. Proposed Appendix to Marine Harbor Ordinance – Mooring Use

- a. Rockport mooring owners have a one (1) year grace period for not using their mooring. Each mooring has a designated vessel assigned to it. Some mooring owners allow others to use their mooring. It has been difficult for the Harbormaster to ascertain whose vessel

is attached to a certain mooring. Mr. Leonard explained liability issues exist if something went wrong with a mooring.

- b. The Harbor Committee discussed allowing a mooring owner to rent or allow the use of their mooring to someone already on the mooring waiting list (with the correct size boat) for up to 45 days. An agreement would be signed. This matter would be placed on the next agenda for a vote.
- c. Mrs. Greenlaw informed the Committee a vote of the Town would be required to change an ordinance. It was the Harbormaster understands an appendix could be changed without a vote.
- d. Ms. Leonard will review the requirements of an ordinance change and report the findings at the next Harbor Committee meeting. She will forward the wording change to Committee members via the e-mail

4. Harbormaster's Report

- a. The electrical upgrade to the piers where the schooners are located has been completed. Two (2) pedestals have been installed to provide electricity to the Schooner Timberwind and The Heron.
- b. Pete Nelson has been hired as Deputy Harbormaster for the current season. He attended harbormaster training in Castine and has been landscaping at Marine Park. Mr. Nelson will also redo the roofs of the kiosks on the site. He served as Park Attendant in 2010.
- c. Interviews for the Park Attendant will be completed on Friday, June 1, 2012. The selected person will begin work the middle of June. The attendant will paint old mooring balls green and red. The mooring balls will be anchored with cinder block and old snow plow blades and used as channel markers.
- d. Mr. Allen offered to inspect doors and brackets in need of paint and revarnishing.
- e. Ms. Leonard reported that designated anchorage for main harbor was previously accepted but has not received an update
- f. The Harbormaster noted that some boats have been launched.
- g. The in-ground chess board previously recommended by Jim Lea has been discussed by the Select Board. The Board chose to place the concrete pad on the upper level of Marine Park. The chess board will not be part of Marine Park and the Harbormaster will not be the point person. The cost of the concrete pad is estimated at \$1,800.
- h. Rockport Marine will launch an 83' sailboard at high tide on July 21, 2012. The vessel will be moved to Marine Park on July 17th and will remain on the trailer until the launching. The rigging of the vessel will be installed at Marine Park. Mr. Allen said it has taken nearly three (3) years to complete the restoration.

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Mr. Powers motioned to accept the minutes at April 19, 2012 as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Turi and passed unanimously.
- b. There will be three openings on the Harbor Committee.

6. OTHER

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7. NEXT MEETING

- a. The next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on July 12, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. at the Rockport Town Office.

8. ADJOURN

Mr. Allen motioned to adjourn the Harbor Committee meeting at 6:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody V. Sainio
Recording Secretary