

# ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

## Rockport Town Office

June 6, 2013

5:15 PM

### MINUTES

Chairman Joel Powers  
Tim Hoffman  
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard  
Asst. P.W. Director Michael Young

Mario Turi  
Peter van der Kieft  
Planner Bill Najpauer

#### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Mr. Powers opened the meeting at 5:22 p.m.
- b. Mr. Najpauer was introduced as the new Planner for the Town of Rockport.

#### 1. HARBOR LIGHTING GRANT UPDATE

- a. The Department of Transportation denied Rockport's application for a SHIP Grant. The Town has had oral confirmation it has received a Tier I Grant for \$100,000 to replace lights and provide additional power to Marine Park. \$30,000 is in the budget for part of the Town's percentage of the grant. Public Works will do the underground work, power hook-ups and install the electrical pedestals as in-kind work for the grant. A request for proposal bid will be advertised for an electrical engineered plan.
- b. The Harbor Committee will review designs for light poles and fixtures. Proper lighting will enhance Marine Park making it safer and more inviting to visitors.
- c. The fir tree at Marine Park may be removed for additional parking spaces. The opposite side of Marine Park will be graded and possibly lined for parking.
- d. The enterococci count for Goodie's Beach is consistently high. Water samples are taken on Tuesday with the results available from Maine Healthy Beaches on Wednesday morning. Water quality advisories will now be posted after ¼" of rain. This amount of rainwater brings bacteria into the harbor. It takes approximately 48 hours to flush bacteria out of the harbor. The EPA will attempt to locate the pollution source in the harbor.
- e. An extension to the outflow pipe may be needed. An impact study would be necessary for an extension.

#### 2. DISCUSSION OF BOAT STORAGE AT RES

- a. The Harbormaster discussed possible hot top winter boat storage at the RES site. Electricity would not be provided. The parcel is zoned for boat storage. Boats could be worked on while in storage but the scraping of bottom paint would not be allowed. Time limits for on-site boat storage would be in effect. Storage for recreational vehicles may be included. The Harbor-master would oversee the storage rental.
- b. Dr. Turi motioned to ask the Harbormaster to research the possibility of using the RES site for boat and recreational storage. The motion was seconded by Mr. van der Kieft and passed 4-0.

### **3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT**

- a. Three (3) floats remain at the harbor and three (3) ramps are at Public Works.
- b. The Harbormaster reissued four (4) moorings and six (6) tie-offs. Ms. Leonard is not receiving answers as to whether people are interested in taking a mooring.
- c. Dinghy space is not available at the harbor. Moorings are still available.
- d. Public Works removed the old stairway underneath the Pascal Avenue bridge. Shrubbery and trees will be removed while cleaning the area. Large granite slabs and a new set of steps will be installed.
- e. Jodi Maltese had returned as Deputy Harbormaster. A park attendant will be hired for the summer season.
- f. Mr. Young attended harbormaster school and became certified. He was able to assist when the harbormaster broke her ribs
- g. A wood structure is in place to house the chess pieces at Marine Park.

### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. None

### **5. APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2013 MINUTES**

The March 13, 2013 minutes will be voted on at the next Harbor Committee meeting.

### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. van der Kieft motioned to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Turi and passed unanimously. 4-0

### **7. NEXT MEETING**

The next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on July 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Sainio  
Recording Secretary