

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

July 11, 2013

5:15 PM

MINUTES

Chairman Joel Powers
Sam Temple
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard

Mario Turi
Tim Hoffman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Mr. Powers opened the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. Mr. Hoffman motioned to elect Mr. Powers as Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Powers declined the nomination.
- b. Mr. Powers motioned to elect Dr. Turi as Chairman for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple and passed 3-0-1 with Dr. Turi abstaining
- c. Mr. Temple motioned to elect Mr. Powers as Vice-chairman for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoffman and passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Powers abstaining.

2. REVIEW BOAT STORAGE AT RES

- a. The Harbormaster has spoken with Yachting Solutions and Rocknak's regarding proposed temporary boat storage at the former RES site. Rocknak's expressed interest in the possibility. There is a waiting list for affordable boat storage at the harbor. Rv's and campers could also be housed on-site.
- b. Electricity will not be available on-site. It is unclear if work could be done on the vessels while in storage.
- c. Approval from the Select Board and Planning Board should be gained by August to allow time for notifying residents of the available storage space.
- d. A waiver would be signed to protect the Town of Rockport from any liability.

3. UPDATE ON BIG GRANT

- a. A meeting will be held on August 3rd with DOT to discuss federal funding for the lighting grant at the Harbor. A portion of the grant will cover engineering costs.
- b. A workshop will be scheduled for September to discuss input on the design. The Park Committee, Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission and abutters will be invited to attend the workshop. Public Works and the Police Department will be included in all discussions.
- c. The Harbormaster will bring additional information to the Harbor meeting in August.
- d. Assistant Public Works Director Mike Young will be invited to attend the next Harbor meeting.

4. DISCUSSION OF NEW PILINGS AND FLOATS

- a. New budget includes four (4) dolphins and two (2) docks. The dolphins being replaced are on the commercial float. Ms. Leonard will prepare the bids and specs for the project.
- b. The Harbormaster will meet with Dwight Henry next week to ascertain if he will be able to drive the pilings from the parking lot.
- c. The project should begin in the Spring 2014. The property lines will be checked before work begins.

5. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- a. Three (3) floats remain at the harbor and three (3) ramps are at Public Works.
- b. Maine Healthy Beaches continues to monitor Goodie's Beach and the Rockport Harbor. Water quality tests are taken on Tuesday morning. The results are available on Wednesday after 10:00 a.m.
- c. Goodie's Beach has been posted for swimming several times this season. High enterococci counts have been tied to weather conditions. The EPA also tested the water in the Harbor.
- d. Water quality tests are no longer taken in Glen Cove.
- e. New pressure washer is located at the Harbormaster's Building.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None

7. APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2013 AND JUNE 6, 2013 MINUTES

- a. Mr. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of March 13, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple and passed 4-0.
- b. Mr. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of June 6, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple and passed 4-0.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Powers motioned to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple and passed 4-0.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on August 22, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Sainio
Recording Secretary

