

# ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

July 23, 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  
Selectman Geoff Parker

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m. by Chairman Turi.

### 1. PROJECT UPDATES

- a. Ledge and compacted rocks were found instead of sand when Prock Marine tried to set the pilings. The number of pilings and dolphins has been reduced from four (4) sets of three (3) dolphins to four (4) single socketed piles drilled into the ledge.
- b. A “bump out” (extension to the ramp) will be added to allow fisherman the ability to access the floats with a hoist.
- c. Prock Marine will work with the Town of Rockport to ensure all work is completed and guaranteed.
- d. The ‘E’ float will be reconfigured
- e. ‘No Parking’ and ‘No Fishing’ signs have been ordered.
- f. Visitors are fishing on the bulkheads.
- g. The number of visitors to Marine Park is creating parking issues. Different ways to make Cramer Park more attractive for parking was discussed.
- h. Drivers are asked to remove illegally parked vehicles.
- i. Mr. Parker asked if the Harbormaster wanted to have weddings and events at the Harbor. Ms. Leonard does not have any “problems” with events taking place at the Harbor.

### 3. HARBORMASTER’S REPORT

- a. The Harbormaster received complaints regarding drones flying in the area. The operators were asked to stop flying the drones.
- b. Selected trees are being removed at Marine Park. This will allow Marine Park to be ‘opened up,’ giving a better appearance. The cutting will also allow healthier trees to grow. Some replanting of trees has taken place.
- c. A fishing vessel entered the harbor, was unable to tie up and went to Camden Harbor.
- d. The Committee discussed allowing businesses to provide brochures at the Harbor. After discussion, Mr. Hoffman motioned to allow commercial permit holders to offer brochures at the Harbormaster’s Office only. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chapman and passed 5-0.

- j. Dinghies and their placement were discussed. Additional spaces for dinghies are needed. The Harbormaster is considering removing some tie-offs from the floats. Three (3) dinghies can fit in the space of one (1) tie-off. The 'B' and 'C' floats would be the first to be changed. Dinghy storage will be monitored. This matter will be placed on the next agenda.
- k. Ms. Chapman said the walkway she tripped on earlier this year is much safer than before.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. van de Kieft motioned to accept the minutes of May 21, 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple and passed 5-0.

## **6. NEXT MEETING**

The next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on August 20, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. at the Rockport Town Office.

## **7. ADJOURN**

Ms. Chapman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple and passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody V. Sainio  
Recording Secretary