

ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

July 28, 2011

5:15 PM

MINUTES

Chairman Robert Tassi – 5:47 p.m.
Taylor Allen
Joel Powers – 5:20 p.m.
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard
Public: Steve Durrell (Prock Marine)

Vice-Chairman Doug Cole
Sharilyn Morton
Patrick Annis
Select Person Sani Fogel
Larry Lehman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m. by Vice-chairman Cole.
- b. Mr. Allen motioned to change the order of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Morton and passed unanimously.

1. WALLACE GRAHAM – Reconstruction and expansion of pier & installation of two pilings

- a. Mr. Durrell (Prock Marine) represented Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham is seeking permission to install two pilings, reconstruct and expand the pier at 11 Mechanic Street. The 62’ existing pier is tied to a ledge outcropping with no support underneath the pier. Cables holding the pier are unsafe. Support would be added at 31.’
- b. A single piece of granite will be placed on top of the outcropping for support. No structures will be constructed on the pier. High water elevation does not exceed 6.’ Mr. Allen does not have any concerns as an abutter.
- c. All modifications have been approved by the DEP. The project is scheduled to begin after Labor Day.
- c. Mr. Annis motioned to approve the application of Mr. Wallace. The motion was seconded by Dr. Turi and passed unanimously.

2. ROCKPORT BOAT CLUB/COMMERCIAL FLOAT “GAP”

- a. The float gap was discussed at length. Larry Lehman (Vice-commadore) represented the Boat Club. The Boat Club moved the dock 5’ upstream and removed 1 tie-off attempting to keep access in the area open to the Boat Club and lobstermen.

The Boat Club's main concern is the safety factor with the ladder. The Club would prefer to keep the ladder accessible.

Two (2) vessels also contributed overcrowding in that area of the harbor.

The Boat Club will continue to monitor the "gap" situation.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN

- a. Chairman Tassi and Vice-chairman Cole will remain in their respective seats.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Dr. Cole motioned to approve the minutes of May 27, 2011. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cole and passed unanimously.

5. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- a. The Select Board accepted the Pump Out Grant. Construction of the pump out station will begin on or about August 5, 2011 after the County Commissioner has signed the necessary paperwork. Dig Safe visited the site and indicated where the trench will be located. Construction will take approximately three (3) days.

The electrical service for Marine Park will be upgraded and a second electrical pedestal added for Twig Bower's schooner. Operating costs will be \$2,000 per year until 2013. The beach area will be closed during construction.

- b. The Ship Grant bid package consists of 90 pages and is available to interested parties. Construction is scheduled to be completed by December 9, 2011. Moorings will be moved as necessary during construction.

6. NEXT MEETING

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

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Allen motioned to adjourn the Harbor Committee meeting at 6:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody V. Sainio
Recording Secretary

