

# ROCKPORT HARBOR COMMITTEE

Rockport Town Office

September 12, 2013

5:15 PM

## MINUTES

Chairman Mario Turi  
Sam Temple  
Peter van der Kieft  
Asst. Public Works Mike Young

Joel Powers  
Tim Hoffman  
Harbormaster Abbie Leonard

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Mr. Powers opened the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

### 1. DISCUSSION OF COMMERCIAL FLOATS & DOLPHINS CONFIGURATION

- a. The Harbormaster met with Dwight Henry regarding the placement of the pilings. Pilings will be placed on the commercial side of the harbor in the spring between the Boat Club and Rockport Marine. There are sufficient funds to install two (2) floats with a ramp and remove the stiff arm. The fisherman's floats are in good shape but need pilings and stiff arm removed.
- b. Equal access for fishing, fisherman and visitors will be considered. The Town float is sometimes used for rigging vessels.
- c. Nigel Bowers (Schooner Heron owner) will attend the next Harbor Committee meeting to discuss commercial use of public floats and the process to obtain permission from the town to do so.
- d. The Harbor Committee discussed a plan for signs, and permits to run a business on public land at the harbor; Town Planner Bill Najpauer will be invited to attend the next Harbor Committee meeting to answer any questions regarding the Land Use Ordinance

### 2. UPDATE ON THE "BIG GRANT"

- a. Public Works will do "in-kind" excavation on the site and CMP will change where the power comes in to Harbor Park. The B.I.G. grant project is underway. The Grant will fund 100% of the project that caters to 26' < vessels. We have to prove that the whole project will benefit these boaters and pay a percentage of the cost for anything that will benefit the general public (lights in the park).
- b. Public Works will do "in-kind" excavation on the site and CMP will change where the power comes in at the harbor. Additional lights will allow more evening events to be held. Initially there will be eleven (11) to twelve (12) lights.
- c. Town Planner Bill Najpauer will prepare the budget for MDOT by November. The electrical plan will be engineered. A RFP will be requested in December and will have a two (2) week turnaround time. The anticipated completion date is the latter part of May 2014.

- d. The Parks Committee will be invited to provide input on the light design at a future Harbor Committee meeting. The community will be included in all aspects of the project.
- e. The Harbormaster will provide digital copies of the proposed plan to Committee members.

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

- a. The Harbormaster is looking into moving the flagpole to the corner by the river and putting a new Christmas tree in the circle where the flagpole is now.
- b. The new stairs underneath the Pascal Avenue bridge are complete. Visitors are parking at Cramer Park and using the stairs.
- c. There are no alternative locations for the winter storage of boats at this time.
- d. The Harbormaster is researching the potential of moving existing Christmas tree and either planting a new one in time for Christmas or putting a temporary tree in place for the season.
- e. Ms. Leonard suggested holding a winter event at the harbor- caroling, tree lighting, possible fireworks display on the Saturday evening of the Christmas by the Sea weekend.

### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. None

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

- a. Mr. Temple motioned to approve the minutes of July 11, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Powers and passed 5-1.

### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Mr. Powers motioned to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple and passed unanimously.

### **7. NEXT MEETING**

The next Harbor Committee meeting will be held on October 10, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Sainio  
Recording Secretary