

# CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2010 MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Gene McKeever, Ray Williamson, Sandy Welte and Harbormaster Steve Pixley.

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** Willard Wight.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

### 1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Before the meeting began Sid Lindsley spoke to Chairman Gene McKeever concerning information he compiled on wave breakers for the harbor. He gave him pictures (**see attached**) of a design he thought would be beneficial to the harbor and for the committee to review.

### 2. APPROVAL OF JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES:

Sandy Welte motioned to approve minutes as written. Ray Williamson seconded motion. Passed 3-0.

### 3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley discussed the increased activity in the harbor due to the arrival of the New York Yacht Club. He will contact people along the harbor and post a notice that he discourages sailing in the Inner Harbor during this event. He also has suggested to the committee that sailing in the Inner Harbor be discouraged entirely due to the safety of the boaters. Willard Wight agreed with him and the committee supports his efforts.

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4. **MASTER PLAN FOR STEAMBOAT LANDING PARKING:**

The e-mail from Town Manager, Roberta Smith notifying the committee of the “Small Harbor Improvement Grant” not being approved was discussed. The grant was not approved due to the grants being given to other town’s due to the creation of more jobs in those towns. Although the committee was disappointed they will discuss other areas that they can work on improving in the future. Chairman McKeever will speak to the Parking Committee to see if they have any available funds that could be used for marking out parking areas at Steamboat Landing. There was discussion on the necessity and cost of a hoist for the fishermen. Willard Wight questioned the necessity of the hoist due to not only the cost, but also how many people would actually use it and the liability to the Town. The committee agreed and felt that this would not be a priority at this time. Ray Williamson was discouraged with the fact that he feels that there are many projects that get discussed; however, they never seem to happen. Chairman McKeever noted several projects that they have completed and if there was any projects that committee members would like to discuss than they should by all means bring them before the committee.

5. **FIREWORKS LINE ITEM:**

Chairman McKeever asked the committee how they felt about approaching the Select Board with a line item from the harbor budget to contribute to a fireworks event in the harbor. Willard Wight feels that the committee should not be involved and that the contributions should be left to the private sector. He feels that the fireworks events go beyond the objectives of the committee. Sandy Welte felt it would be good to support the events and Ray Williamson feels there would be more opposition than support for the committee to be involved. It was decided that the committee would not be involved with the fireworks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. with the **next meeting being scheduled for September 13, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk