

CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF
NOVEMBER 10, 2010
MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gene McKeever, Ben Ellison, Sandy Welte, Richard Stetson, Ray Williamson, Harbormaster Steve Pixley and Town Manager Roberta Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the harbor fee schedule and budget to be presented to the Select Board for approval at their next meeting. Chairman McKeever did an overview on how the "capital improvement" plan spreadsheet is used as guide to where the committee would like to have monies spent when needed from the account. Ben Ellison asked questions concerning the year (s) of non-funding, which Town Manager Smith answered. Town Manager Smith commented on the explanation columns which may need some of the estimates updated due to increase in material costs. Richard Stetson felt that they may be off somewhat. Ray Williamson commented that the float upgrade could end up costing more, however, if the life of the floats would be longer than the cost may average itself out. Chairman McKeever asked about the committee that was working on possible future plans to enhance the use of the harbor and possible boardwalk and if their plans would be funding any of the harbor projects such as pilings. Town Manager Smith stated this committee does not have a budget as they are in the strategic planning stage at this point, however, the pilings are a safety issue and would need to be repaired/replaced regardless. She recommended having Lowry Sargent attend the next meeting to discuss with them where the planning is going.

Harbormaster Pixley presented to the committee the fee schedule that he is proposing for approval by the Select Board. He proposes an increase in the "Finger Float" and "Inner Harbor Float" fees. **(See attached)** Richard Stetson asked Pixley what the rationale of increase in "finger float" rates. Pixley explained that the walk to location, downtown area, facilities, and etc. make these floats prime spaces and they have been under charged over the years. The members agreed with Pixley and the rate increases. There was discussion concerning rates of other fees, however, the committee will look into any further changes of these next year. Ray Williamson questioned the fishermen receiving parking privileges with their float permits versus the windjammers having parking only when the boat is in and Town Manager Smith said that the windjammers are under the rules of the parking ordinance.

Ben Ellison motioned to recommend the Capital Improvement Plan and Harbor Fee Schedule as proposed by the Harbormaster to the Town Manager and Select Board for approval. Sandy Welte seconded. Passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with the scheduled meeting being on December 2nd at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene Libby

Harbor Clerk