

# **CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2010 MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Gene McKeever, Vice-Chairman Ben Ellison, Richard Stetson, Ray Williamson, Ben Cashen, Ken Kooyenga (7:50 a.m.), Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and Select Board Member Morgan Laidlaw.

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

### **1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Select Board Member Morgan Laidlaw updated the committee on the Gateway 1 grant money of approximately \$30,000 that would be available to towns and that the Gateway 1 committee had three ideas that they had in mind to possibly use the money towards. There had been previous discussion that a pedestrian bridge through the harbor landing area was a possibility, however, that idea was voted down.

2011 Harbor Budget Packets were provided by, Town Manager Roberta Smith, to be passed out to everyone to make them aware of the date and times the harbor budget would be discussed so that they could be in attendance if so wished.

### **2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES:**

Richard Stetson motioned to accept the minutes as written. Ben Ellison seconded motion. Passed 5-0.

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

Harbormaster Pixley presented to the committee for discussion two e-mails received concerning the dates and late fees for waiting lists. The senders were both charged late fees due to submitting their renewal applications after the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline due to a timely delivery by post office for one and one did not make the deadline but felt that he should not be charged the late fee. The committee sympathized with their comments; however, they stand

behind the billing and fees schedules. The harbor clerk will respond to their e-mails on behalf of the committee.

Pixley presented a draft of mooring spec changes for Appendix A of the harbor ordinance concerning chain lengths and a diagram to explain the changes. After discussion on his wording and Ben Ellison asking Pixley if he was confident the changes would be doable and he assured the committee it would, Ben Ellison motioned to recommend the following changes to the administrative procedures of Appendix A:

The Harbor Committee recommends the following change to **Appendix A, “Mooring Specifications For Camden Harbor”** to read as follows:

The bottom chain length shall be **4' more than** ~~at least~~ the depth ~~of the water~~ at mean low water (MLW) and **the top chain length shall be to the depth at mean high water (MHW).** ~~the combined chain length shall be two (2) times the total depth at mean high water (MHW).~~ **When a mooring site is at deeper water than 15' mean low water (MLW), the length of bottom chain shall be at least 15' and the combined chain length will = the depth of mean low water (MLW) + depth of mean high water (MHW).** Richard Stetson seconded motion.

**Ben Ellison, Richard Stetson and Ray Williamson wanted to suggest additional changes to the above recommendation. Ben Ellison motioned to amend the recommendation and to present to the Select Board at the next meeting for approval of change to “Appendix A” as follows:**

The bottom chain length shall be **5' more than** the depth at mean low water (MLW) and **the top chain length shall be to the depth at mean high water (MHW).** **When a mooring site is at deeper water than 15' mean low water (MLW), the length of bottom chain shall be at least 20' and the combined chain length will equal the depth of mean low water (MLW) plus depth of mean high water (MHW).** **Richard Stetson seconded motion. Amendment Passed 5-0.**

Pixley reported that he had received 2 quotes for new floats at Steamboat Landing and that he was waiting to receive a couple of more.

#### **4. MASTER PLAN FOR STEAM BOAT LANDING PARKING:**

Ben Ellison presented to the committee an updated drawing and list of recommended changes from the last meeting of improvements for Steam Boat Landing Parking. Ben E., Gene McKeever, and Richard Stetson met with Gartley & Dorsky to come up with changes that the committee had discussed previously. Once discussion was made of changes and a couple more suggestions were made. It was decided that Ben Ellison would go back to Gartley & Dorsky to

make a few amendments to the drawing and that Gene McKeever would set up a time and date to take final drawing to Parking Committee for their approval. Gene will also speak with Wayfarer Marine concerning changes that would affect them. Once the approvals are done the recommendations would be presented to the Select Board for their approval.

**5. NAMES ON PERMITS:**

Sandy Welte had e-mailed his recommendations for new language concerning names on permits to the harbor clerk, which were passed out to the committee, to be passed on to the Town Attorney Bill Kelly for his recommendations. Sandy was not at this meeting; therefore, this item was tabled for the April meeting.

**6. FISHERMEN PARKING:**

There was some discussion concerning how much or little the fishermen use the parking space that are assigned to them. Ben Ellison suggested doing a poll with the fishermen asking how much they utilize the spaces. Ray Williamson suggested two spaces being designated as “Loading Zone Only” which the committee thought would be a good idea. Ben Ellison feels that the committee should really get feedback from the fishermen with parking permits. This will continue discussion at the April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for **April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 a.m.** in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk