

CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF April 7, 2011 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Ben Ellison, Ben Cashen, Ken Kooyenga, Sandy Welte, Ray Williamson, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and Select Board Member Morgan Laidlaw.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Willard Wight, Brad and Adam Scott

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

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Harbormaster Pixley presented to the committee a fisherman float application submitted by Brad Scott for consideration of approval. The committee decided that it should be an agenda item for the next meeting for discussion and for a recommendation to be made to Select Board if needed.

Ben Ellison at the end of the meeting discussed with the committee the arrangement that Northeast Harbor has in encouraging mooring holders to rent their mooring to "transient" boaters. The town controls the rental by hiring an independent contractor who receives a minimal amount per mooring rental and the owner receives 75% and the Town 25% of the balance amount. There was much discussion concerning the pros and cons of having this type of arrangement in Camden harbor. Willard Wight suggested that the "commercial" mooring holders be included in any discussions that might take place concerning this subject. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 3rd MINUTES:

Richard Stetson motioned to accept minutes as written. Sandy Welte seconded motion. Passed 4-0.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Steve gave a overview of the Harbormaster's Conference in Castine. Steve updated the committee on the float diagram changes that were requested at the last meeting and that he had spoke to Will Gartley and was told that the changes would not be a problem. Steve had spoken to the Town Manager and she suggested the committee present a wish list and time line of future projects they would like to see to present to her. This can be discussed further at the "special" meeting when it is scheduled.

4. **PUBLIC LANDING MAIN FLOAT IMPROVEMENTS:**

. Ray Williamson discussed with the committee his feelings on securing the float that the “Mistress” lays on more securely with pilings at both ends of the float. He feels that the float could be longer for bigger boat use. The harbormaster and the committee agreed with him. Ben E. suggested that Steve get exact measurements of floats to be given to Will Gartley for revised drawing. It was suggested that a possible “special” meeting should be scheduled to discuss this further and the committee also would like to discuss with the “Down Town Redevelopment Committee” their goals for the harbor.

5. STEAMBOAT LANDING SIGNAGE:

No discussion. Agenda Item for May meeting.

6. **WORKING WATERFRONT PROTECTION PROJECT:**

No discussion. Agenda Item for May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for May 5th at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk