

CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2011 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gene McKeever, Richard Stetson, Ben Ellison and Harbormaster Steve Pixley.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Willard Wight.

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

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Chairman McKeever mentioned to the committee that he had been approached by Howard Gallagher, who owns Maine Gatherings, concerning business personal property tax payers to be eligible for the resident rate for harbor fees. Mr. Gallagher had previously made a request for this change and in reviewing the minutes of 2010, Chairman McKeever, made note that the committee recommend this change was denied. If Mr. Gallagher chooses to address the committee to discuss the item further the committee will welcome him.

Chairman McKeever made note that the budget committee meeting for the harbor will be on March 17th and would like to make it mandatory that all members attend this meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 6TH MINUTES:

Ben Ellison made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Richard Stetson seconded motion. Passed 3-0.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley reported that he and Dave Emery rescued a dinghy that was afloat by Ocean Point and that it was successful.

He reported a phone call he received from an area real estate broker who was inquiring about the barge/work float that belongs to Art Tibbetts in the harbor, as he had a potential waterfront client who would like to put a float in if he was to purchase property.

Pixley directed him to who he would need to contact and speak to concerning this matter due to what the client may be looking for.

Pixley spoke to committee concerning the main floats by harbormaster's office and replacing them. He has spoken to Will Gartley about giving an estimate on doing a design drawing and cost for project. Once the design has been done Pixley will get several quotes from people for building the project. Ben Ellison suggested looking into possible grants as the floats basically services the transient boaters. Willard Wight asked the committee if they had taken any steps to create a diversionary system for the floats at the head of the harbor. Pixley said that he had put a large block there to change the velocity direction for the time being and it seems to be a temporary solution. Wight main concern was a new baffle system and the committee agreed that it should be something to investigate further at a later date. Pixley said the ideal thing to do would be when the time came to have a private dredge done the bigger rocks should be picked up and used to make baffles. He feels this would serve the interest of the boating community, which the committee agreed. Pixley will work on getting quotes for the construction of new finger floats and this should be an agenda item for August 2011.

4. STEAMBOAT LANDING SIGNAGE:

Ben Ellison presented to the committee a rough draft drawing, which he had drawn, from ideas that were discussed at the walk around at the "Steamboat Landing" parking area last fall. He suggested allotted parking time to be printed on the pavement versus standing signage. The committee was in agreement with his suggestions and asked that he prepare a final drawing for the Parking Committee. (drawing to follow at a later date-per Ben Ellison)

Ben Ellison made a motion to recommend to the Parking Committee that the parking at the Steamboat Launching Ramp on the west side become "2 hour" parking, that all markings be done on the pavement, to designate at new apron "No Parking", the launch prep zone be marked "15 minute" parking, to put "Handicap" parking spot closest to the float system and that the condominium owners be asked to cut back shrubbery to retaining wall. Richard Stetson seconded motion. Passed 3-0.

5. PUBLIC LANDING MAIN FLOAT IMPROVEMENT:

Discussed in Item 3.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m. with the next meeting being schedule for March 3rd at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk