

# CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2010 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gene McKeever, Vice-Chairman Ben Ellison, Richard Stetson, Sandy Welte, Ben Cashen, Ken Kooyenga (7:40 a.m.), Harbormaster Steve Pixley and Select Board Member Morgan Laidlaw.

### 1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ben Ellison suggested to the committee that there should be a off season safety boat at the landing for emergency use during the winter months. The committee agreed and it was suggested that it be a aluminum row boat with either large lettering or painted orange to identify it at the harbor. Ben Cashen said that Wayfarer Marine has an ice breaker boat and he would ask if it could be made available to the harbor for emergency situations. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and that way there would be boats available on both sides of the harbor if needed.

### 2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES:

Sandy Welte motioned to approve minutes as written and Richard Stetson seconded motion. Passed 5-0.

### 3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley presented to the committee two quotes to install a new pedestal with increased amp at the docks for overnight dockage. The bid from Benchmark Electric for the pedestal installed was \$1975. The pedestal itself with 30-50 amps would cost \$555. Harbormaster Pixley said he would suggest having two 50 amps installed to make the 100 amps that they want and this would obviously increase the cost. Chairman McKeever asked how long he felt it would take to recoup the cost of the installation and he said approximately 3 years. The committee asked that the harbormaster do a projection of the recoup time and how many boats have been turned away because of the low amps. Harbormaster Pixley also thought that the dock system could have improvements done to it within the next five years.

**Ben Ellison motioned that the Harbor Committee recommend that the Harbormaster pursue expanding the power supply at the Public Landing. Sandy Welte seconded motion. Passed 5-0.**

Ben Cashen will get figures together on boats that use power and what amps used at Wayfarer Marine for comparison. Ben Ellison voiced concerns of pedestals being placed and then not leaving enough space for people to walk on docks and the harbormaster said that is a concern and will take that into consideration when installing.

There was some discussion concerning the inspector's in the harbor and what is expected from the Town Office by a few of them and getting their inspection forms in by the due date. There will be more discussion at the next meeting.

4. **STEAM BOAT LANDING PARKING:**

Ben Ellison went over the preliminary diagram dated 5/09 with the new committee members to update them on the changes that the committee had come up with to make improvements in the Steam Boat Landing parking area. It was agreed that they would have all the improvements wanted to maximize the parking identified on the diagram and then have it approved by the Select Board so that as funds become available the improvements can be made. Gene & Ben E. will get meet with Gartley & Dorsky to have a final diagram done for approval by Select Board. Gene asked the Harbor Clerk to ask the Town Manager what is left for funds in the planning grant line.

5. **NAMES ON PERMITS:**

No discussion. Will be on the February agenda.

6. **POSSIBLE NEW ELECTRIC TOWER ON PUBLIC LANDING:**

Discussion was done under Item #3 - HARBORMASTER'S REPORT.

7. **STEAM BOAT LANDING FLOAT PLANNING:**

Discussion was done under Item #4 – STEAM BOAT LANDING PARKING.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m. with the next meeting being on February 4 at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Sincerely,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk