

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**“SPECIAL MEETING”**  
**APRIL 16, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Gene McKeever, Ben Ellison, Richard Stetson, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and Select Board Member Morgan Laidlaw.

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** Willard Wight.

The purpose for this meeting was to discuss grant ideas and funding for harbor projects. Basically, the meeting was discussing which projects were important, what steps need to be taken to apply for grants and who would gather information needed for next meeting in order to present the information to the Town Manager for submittal of the June 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline for the request of grant money available for Small Harbor Improvement Program through the State of Maine. Chairman McKeever relayed to the committee that the final application along with any materials will need to be processed through the Town Manager’s office.

Ben Ellison shared with the committee the meeting with Town Manager Roberta Smith concerning the grant money and the projects they had in mind which Roberta was in agreement with and encouraged the application for grant money. Ben also, said that Roberta felt that the Steamboat Landing and float projects would fall under the grant money. Roberta also felt that the committee should invite people from the neighborhood that the construction would affect to a meeting in order to discuss with them the plans for the area. Select Board Member Morgan Laidlaw suggested that the committee involve the Parks & Rec committee as some of the future plans fall into recreation category.

The suggestions made to be considered for the application of grant money were:

1. Sea Street Widening
2. New Floats and Dolphins
3. New Public Landing Floats and Longer Ramp
4. Turn Around Apron
5. Fishermen’s Hoist

Ben Ellison suggested that a meeting with Ken Russo to have his guidance into the process and make suggestions to them. Steve Pixley will set up a meeting with Mr. Russo. Gene McKeever will go to Town Manager Smith with the plans they have discussed for her approval and further suggestions.

Willard Wight spoke to the committee concerning their interest in a breakwater project in the harbor. He said he had spoken to Jay Clements of the Army Corps and after speaking to him he would suggest that the committee have the corps do a survey before a lot of money was invested into the project to see if it was feasible. Willard has concerns that there would be ice buildup in the winter months and that the breakwater would not be a good idea. He said that the idea of a floating breakwater was an option, however, he doesn't envision the public being interested in these due to the appearance of them in the harbor. He feels that a survey would be of the best interest to everyone. The committee was in agreement with him.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m. with another **"special meeting"** being scheduled for **April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in the Tucker Room (upstairs in Opera House-door at front of building)** to have information gathered discussed and compiled to submit to the Town Manager for the application process.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk