

# CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2010 MEETING

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

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

Select Board Member Morgan Laidlaw asked the committee if they were involved in the development of the proposed walkway that will involve the harbor area. Chairman McKeever answered that they had not been approached as an advisory committee, however, if they were to be involved that is what their involvement would be as.

It was brought up that there may be more than needed parking for the fishermen and that this may want to be looked into. It seems that the spaces are not being utilized on a regular basis if at all.

Ben Cashen informed the committee that the Fire Dept. had come over to Wayfarer Marine for training on the boat that could be used in case of emergencies in the harbor. The committee thanked Ben for his involvement in this.

### **2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES:**

Sandy Welte motioned to approve as written. Ben Ellison seconded motion. Passed 5-0.

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

Harbormaster Pixley reported to the committee that he received a letter from the Coast Guard and that the security plans for foreign boats coming into the harbor has met the requirements and has been approved.

He also told the committee that he and Ed Glover were in the process of having a part made to secure the ramps at the harbor that people had gotten their feet stuck in.

**4. STEAMBOAT LANDING PARKING/PLANNING:**

Ben Ellison presented to the committee a draft drawing of the float layout that Gartley & Dorsky had drawn up with 2 options to choose from. Ben E. suggested to the committee that they look into the Option 1 float layout as Option 2 would eliminate a lot of dinghy space. Option 1 would allow 40 ft more space for boat tie up, more dinghy tie up space, and it would be a more protective area. The committee agreed with Ben and a time was set to meet with Will Gartley for members who wanted to be present.

Ben E. also presented to the committee a draft drawing of the future parking at Steamboat Landing which Gartley & Dorsky had provided. Ben E. feels it should be done in gravel versus the pavement as the diagram shows. It was agreed that this would cut costs and with proper signage would be adequate. Ray Williamson suggested that bushes be planted to mark parking islands and the committee agreed. Ray also felt that a 10 ft wide parking space that people will be able to back into the spaces and the committee agreed. Chairman McKeever thought it should also be asked if a handicap parking space would be mandatory and if so that should be added to the final drawing. McKeever also told the committee that once the parking plans are finalized that they should be presented to the "Parking Committee" and Public Works Supervisor Rick Siebel before presenting to the Select Board so that they are aware of the proposal so that they are informed of plans.

Ken Kooyenga asked Harbormaster Pixley to get estimates for pilings and floats from Shed City and Prock Marine to present to committee at next meeting.

**5. NAMES ON PERMITS:**

Sandy Welte presented the committee with a draft of verbiage changes that he would suggest changing in the wording in ordinance. Basically, it was on Page 3 under (Permit Holder), Page 4 under (corporate) and on Page 6 of his handout. It was agreed that a transfer of permit should not be allowed to another individual except to the spouse at time of death of permit holder. The exception would be to the statutes concerning commercial fishermen. Chairman McKeever suggested that Sandy make changes needed to draft and then e-mail to Harbor Clerk to be passed on to the Town Attorney for his approval.

**6. DISCUSSION ON MOORING INSPECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Harbormaster Pixley spoke to the committee on concerns he and the Harbor Clerk have on where the responsibility falls on paperwork not being turned in for inspections, etc... The committee suggested a few ideas, however, it really is governed by the ordinance and the responsibility of inspections being down and paperwork passed in on time falls back to the permit site holder if their inspector has not done what is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Sincerely,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk