

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES OF  
DECEMBER 2, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Gene McKeever, Ray Williamson, Sandy Welte, Ben Ellison, Richard Stetson, Harbormaster Steve Pixley.

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** Aaron Lincoln

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

**1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Chairman McKeever commented on how nice the project at Steamboat Landing Parking area is. Richard Stetson told the committee that Mike Devine had commented on the fact that the contractor of the project, George C. Hall, was more than accommodating that they needed to be and that they were very good to work with and Richard would like to have this passed on to the town manager. Harbormaster Pixley also stated that they were very accommodating and very easy to work with and had heard compliments from other people at the harbor in reference to them.

**2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES:**

**Sandy Welte motioned to accept the minutes as written. Richard Stetson seconded motion. Passed 5-0.**

There was some discussion of the November 4<sup>th</sup> minutes concerning the necessity of replacing/improvements to the main floats at the public landing and Ray Williamson felt as this was discussed at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as being a top priority. Chairman McKeever stated that he had spoken to Town Manager Roberta Smith and was told that the replacement/improvements of the floats is not in the plans at this time, however, it will happen at some point. Ray Williamson presented photos to the committee to show how the floats are moving with boats tied to them and that it is a safety issue for boats and people walking on them. He doesn't feel the docks were originally designed to accommodate the size boats that are now using the floats and that a new design should be investigated to accommodate the bigger boats that are now using the docks and just for overall safety issues. The committee was in complete agreement with Ray and it was suggested that pricing and possible suggestions from engineers be compiled and discussed at the next meeting.

**Ben Ellison motioned for the Harbor Committee to have the Harbormaster explore improvements and pricing to the town landing dock system from several engineers/contractors for recommendation to the Select Board for approval.**

**Sandy Welte seconded motion. Passed 4-0 with Ray Williamson abstained from vote.**

Daysailer operator Aaron Lincoln asked the committee if the daysailer floats could be refastened as they are in need of it. Harbormaster Pixley said he would look into this and make necessary repairs.

### 3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley reported that he had seen several boats for sale that would be of interest to replace the whaler and that he is going to pursue these.

### 4. APPROVAL OF FISHERMEN AND DAYSAILER APPLICATIONS FOR 2011:

The Daysailer applications were presented before the committee for approval. The applicants had not changed from 2010. Ben Ellison asked the harbormaster if he had any comments concerning any of the applicants. The harbormaster stated that overall things go very well with and between the applicants, with the exception of one applicant. He has had numerous complaints and a letter concerning the applicant due to his speed in the inner harbor and his inattentiveness towards other vessels in the harbor. The harbormaster has verbally spoken to the applicant; however, the committee feels that a formal letter should be sent to the applicant with his concerns and a possible probationary period for improvement is given. The harbormaster will send a letter.

**Ben Ellison motioned to recommend to the Select Board that the Daysailer applications be approved. Ray Williamson seconded motion. Passed 5-0.**

The Fishermen Float applications were presented before the committee for approval. There was no discussion concerning the applicants. It was mentioned that there are fewer applicants this year than last year as some of the fishermen have made other accommodations.

**Ray Williamson motioned to recommend to the Select Board that the Fishermen Float applications be approved. Ben Ellison seconded motion. Passed 5-0.**

### 5. MASTERPLAN FOR STEAM BOAT LANDING PARKING:

Chairman McKeever had not met or spoken with Jim Heard of the Parking Committee at this time. He plans to call Jim and make him aware of what the committee is thinking in terms of signage, etc. Ben Ellison suggested painting of signage on the pavement versus standing signage as he doesn't like the looks of standing signs and they can be a bit confusing. He feels that people have not been following what the signs say and that they are an eyesore. Chairman McKeever said he disagreed slightly as he feels that standing signage is adhered to more, however, he does feel that standing signage can be overly done. Richard Stetson feels that standing signage can be easier to move and change if needed than painting on pavement. The committee decided that they would set up a time to meet at the parking area and discuss possible ideas for signage to present to discuss at the next meeting and with the Parking Committee.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for January 6, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene Libby

Harbor Clerk

