

CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF  
OCTOBER 12, 2010  
MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Gene McKeever, Ben Cashen, Ray Williamson, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, Select Board Member Morgan Laidlaw (left @ 8:30).

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** Code Officer Steve Wilson, Al & Gail Johnson, and Sid Lindsley.

**The meeting was called to order @ 7:43 a.m.**

1. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Discussion on the estimated harbor fees for 2011. Money may be needed for a new finger float system and a possible finger float rate increase due to lack of true usage and abuse by holders. It was suggested by Ray Williamson that a cost benefit analysis be done for finger floats. There was discussion concerning a need for more capital improvement funds for improvements to new floats at public landing, vessel to replace the 13 ft. whaler and possible bathroom/shower facilities, etc. A suggestion was made to have a meeting with the only agenda item being "What's needed to improve the infrastructure of the harbor."

2. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> & SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Ben Cashen to approve minutes as written. Ray Williamson **seconded motion.**  
**Passed 3-0.**

3. **HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:**

Harbormaster Pixley reported to committee that floats were currently being pulled out for winter. He is leaving 4 floats at the launch ramp. He reported that all of this year's summer crew would like to come back next season.

4. **JOHNSON'S KAYAK FLOAT AND RAMP APPLICATION – 4 BAY ROAD**

Al & Gail Johnson came to notify the committee of plans of a ramp and float that they are proposing in the harbor at 4 Bay Road and to ask for any suggestions or concerns the committee might have regarding this project. Mr. Johnson passed out a diagram of the project and outlined from the Harbor Ordinance the conditions that needed to be met in order to be in compliance. Mr. Johnson and the committee felt that he did meet the requirements to be in compliance. Mr. Johnson has spoken to Jay Clemens of the Army Corps of Engineers, Dept. of Conservation, and Steve Wilson Code Officer and they are in agreement that requirements are being met concerning the project. Mr. Johnson has filed an

application for a permit for the project. Mr. Johnson told the committee that he had permission from the property owners next to him "The Young's" to put the float on their side of his property. Sid Lindsley questioned Mr. Johnson concerning how the project would interfere with other floats in the harbor, and it was said that this would not cause a problem. Sid Lindsley questioned the agreement between the Johnson's and Young's for placement of the ramp and floats due to future property owners not being in favor of this next or on their property line.

**Chairman Gene McKeever wanted to make it clear that the Harbor Committee's role is to be an advisory to the Select Board, which means that if the Select Board was to come to the committee for their input on the project than a committee meeting would be called and a discussion and vote would be made and submitted to the Select Board.**

The committee thanked the Johnson's for presenting and addressing the committee with his future project, if permit is granted, and wished them well in their project.

**5. MASTER PLAN FOR STEAM BOAT LANDING PARKING:**

There was discussion on needed funds for the paint and signage at the ramp. Ben Ellison will report at next meeting.

**6. IMPROVEMENTS TO BATHROOM/SHOWER FACILITIES AT PUBLIC LANDING:**

Discussed in Item #3.

**7. WAVE BREAKER DISCUSSION:**

There was much discussion concerning the wave breakers at the Yacht Club and at Wayfarer Marine outside of the travel lift.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m. with the next regular meeting being scheduled for November 1, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk