

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
FEBRUARY 14, 2013
MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gene McKeever, Sandy Welte, Ben Cashen, and Harbormaster Steve Pixley.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Willard Wight, Susan Howland (Wayfarer Marine), and Alec Brainerd (Camden Harbor Cruises).

The meeting called to order @ 7:30 a.m.

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Jean Freedman-White (Volunteer Coordinator for Comprehensive Plan Committee) and Jan MacKinnon (Planning Board Member) presented the committee with Chapter 12 of the Comprehensive Plan for them to review and suggest changes or deletions needed for the harbor sections. The last comprehensive plan was revised in 2005 and the new revision should be done by 2015. Jean explained that the final version would not be submitted for approval until after the current harbor ordinance, which is currently being revised, has been approved. She would like to have the committee submit a “draft” proposal to the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, therefore, Chairman McKeever has asked the committee to review and suggest changes to be discussed at the March meeting.

Susan Howland asked the committee if they would review the section of the ordinance pertaining to the float structures and the use of dolphin pilings in the inner harbor. The town is able to use pilings; however, Wayfarer would not be able to according to the ordinance. Susan feels the piling use for Wayfarer would be more cost efficient and with the change of higher tides, and cruise ship traffic into the inner harbor the time may have come to use pilings. She would like the working review group of the ordinance to take into consideration. Willard Wight suggested that Susan submit an application to the committee for discussion before going before Select Board.

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 3RD MINUTES:

Sandy Welte motioned to accept minutes as written. Ben Cashen seconded motion. Passed 3-0

3. HARBORMASTER’S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley updated the committee of the appraisal of \$2,000 for the purchase of the inner harbor float released by Jim Sharp. He has asked the Town Manager to pursue the purchase of this float for the Town. He and the committee feel this would be beneficial for Town usage and being able to have visual control due to location from the harbormaster’s office.

4. REQUEST OF CAMDEN HARBOR CRUISES FOR TRANSFER OF PREVIOUS MOORING SITES HELD BY VESSEL BETSELMA & LIVELY LADY TOO:

Alec Brainerd of Camden Harbor Cruises requested the assignment of the mooring site #413 and inner harbor float #24B-F(E) that have been released by the previous owners of the Daysailers Betselma and Lively Lady Too to be assigned to Camden Harbor Cruises, who have purchased the two “daysailers”. Harbormaster Pixley requested the committee approve the request as assignments of this type have happened in the past. He stated that the Daysailer Olad mooring site was assigned to new owner of vessel. Chairman McKeever also, said that the harbor ordinance states that 15% of the inner harbor should be available for commercial use, therefore, this should be accepted. Willard Wight said he was in agreement with this decision. Willard Wight suggested discussing the request with the Town Attorney for review. The committee saw no reason not to approve. ***Sandy Welte motioned to approve the assignment of the mooring sites, as requested. Ben Cashen seconded motion. Passed 3-0.***

Alec said I would be ideal to have both vessels on one float. Chairman McKeever told Alec that this is something that is not going to happen at this point.

5. TOWN DREDGE:

Harbormaster Pixley told the committee that the dredge went well. The big boulders that needed to be removed under the “Mary Day” and the finger float area were done. He said there was an issue with the trucks getting stuck at the Oak Hill Cemetery Annex due to mud issues, however, this was fixed with 4,000+ cubic yards of crushed stone being brought in to take care this.

6. GANGWAY & FLOAT IMPROVEMENT PLANS:

Harbormaster Pixley reported that the floats are doing great. He still needs to do the floats located near the “Mary Day” and “Angelique” when funding is available. He said that Wayfarer Marine has floats available for the town to purchase and he has inspected them and feels they should be considered for purchase. The committee would like a memo written to the Town Manager for consideration of purchasing these floats from Wayfarer, as it would be a great improvement to the float system at the head of the harbor.

7. DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN:

Chairman McKeever updated the committee on the meetings he has attended concerning the Public Landing & River Walk Plan. He said they would be using the same architect firm, as it would be more cost efficient. Harbor Committee will be very involved once the firm has been determined for the master plan and McKeever encourages members of the committee to be involved.

8..WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION:

The “**work**” group has not had a meeting since January when they had discussed parking and dockage. They will have a “wrap up” meeting on Friday, February 22nd. Sandy Welte updated the committee on the progress of the “**ordinance review**” group. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, February 21st.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for March 14th at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk