

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
MARCH 6, 2014
MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gene McKeever, Sandy Welte, Ray Williamson, Ben Ellison, Steve Gold, Ben Cashen, and Harbormaster Steve Pixley.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Willard Wight, Ron Hawkins, and CEDD Brian Hodges.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ben Ellison has concerns concerning the widening of the width of the boardwalk on the concept plans at the public landing. The committee was in agreement that it seemed the boardwalk may cause issue in areas. He also asked if the boardwalk widening was part of SHIP Grant and it was stated that it is along with the fisherman hoist. Another concern by Ben Ellison was the ability to park in the spaces located in Item B of the master plan which is located near the falls. He was concerned with the angles that the car would have to maneuver in order to get into some of the parking places. Steve Gold said that all the plans had some technical difficulties that would need to be discussed and worked out.

Ron Hawkins approached the committee with the suggestion that all the inner harbor floats become property of the Town and maintained by the Town. He suggested that each year a permit holder would progress through the float sites and this would help to move the waiting list along. Ray Williamson stated that he had in the past been supportive of the Town owning the floats. Ben Ellison reminded everyone that the new ordinance adopted made changes in order to encourage turnover with current inner harbor float owners. Ron Hawkins feels that smaller boats are utilizing floats that could be put on smaller floats and then have separate floats for larger boats. Chairman McKeever stated that the committee works diligently to encourage turnover of floats. Harbormaster Pixley stated that he does agree with the idea of smaller floats for boats and that there may be a new float space or two that could work for this.

CEDD Brian Hodges came to the meeting to answer questions of the committee concerning the SHIP Grant and the master plan concept for the public landing. Ben Ellison congratulated Brian on the SHIP Grant for the harbor that he acquired. Ben Ellison hoped the committee will be able to advise on the design. Brian told the committee that the SHIP Grant is part of the State bond process; therefore, it is dependent on the issuing of bonds. The MDOT want the project completed by December 31, 2014 at this time. He stated that the grant Of \$66,800 includes the fisherman hoist and stub, boardwalk and railings. The Town will need to match any of the

monies used. Brian explained the process would be that the engineering firm would do a conceptual design of the recommendations that have been made and then do the final design. Until the Town receives a letter from the State giving permission to precede with project it will not begin. The Town match would come from the harbor reserves. The boardwalk widening would be 12' on one end and 16' on the other end. Ray Williamson asked if piling replacement is part of project and Brian said no. Steve Gold asked if some of the TIF money could be used towards grant match and Brian said possibly. Brian stated that the question of the parking area that Ben Ellison asked above is not an issue as it was discussed with the engineers and found that it is workable. The committee thanked Brian for his time and giving them information on the grant process.

2. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13TH MINUTES**

Ray Williamson motioned to accept minutes as written. Ben Cashen seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.

3. **HARBORMASTER'S REPORT**

Harbormaster Pixley has been in the process of reassigning mooring sites that have been Released. He has replaced two pilings at the daysailer floats.

4. **ARTICLE VI PIER REVIEW**

Sandy Welte has been drafting language change to the harbor ordinance to propose not permitting piers in the outer harbor. Wharves would continue as currently permitted. Steve Gold asked why we would want to permit wharves in the outer harbor. Sandy will draft the final language to be presented to Select Board.

Sandy Welte motioned to present to the Select Board suggestive rewrite amendments of Article VI as set and subject to any changes suggested by the Town Attorney. Ben Ellison seconded motion. Passed 6-0-0.

5. **MEMORIAL BENCH APPLICATION**

Ben Ellison motioned to accept the memorial bench permit submitted by James Schlagheck in memory of his wife. Ben Cashen seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0. (Sandy Welte left meeting after Item #4 discussed)

6. FISHERMAN HOIST

Harbormaster Pixley will show the overview of the design for the hoist placement with the fishermen for their input. Willard Wight suggested that the hoist be under the control of the harbormaster. Ben Cashen feels that use restrictions should apply. The committee agreed with both ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for April 3rd at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk