

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
APRIL 3, 2014
MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gene McKeever, Ben Ellison, Richard Stetson, Ray Williamson, Steve Gold, and Harbormaster Steve Pixley.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Thor Emory & Mark Benjamin (Lobster Sup Cup Event), and Willard Wight.

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

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Thor Emory and Mark Benjamin of Thor Finn Expeditions presented to the committee their plans for a benefit event for "Operation Rebound" which donates all proceeds to veterans who have injuries and disabilities on August 8th-10th, 2014 called the "Lobster Sup Cup" which is paddle boarding relay races in the inner harbor on the evening of August 8th. They are hoping for a veteran that lost his legs in Afghanistan and is now training for the event in California will be here to for the event and paddle boarding. They explained that this year they estimate 60 paddlers and hope to double next year. Paddle boarding is becoming a very popular sport. They explained that Wayfarer Marine has offered their dock space, etc. to hold the event in the inner harbor. The committee was totally in favor of this event and feels it will be a great fundraiser. The committee feels that Thor and Benjamin are very well organized concerning this event. ***Ben Ellison made a motion that the Camden Harbor Committee applauds the efforts of the "Lobster Sup Cup" and encourages the harbormaster to support this event in every way possible. Ray Williamson seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.***

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 6, 2014 MINUTES:

Ben Ellison motioned to accept minutes as written. Richard Stetson seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley updated the committee on the old float system is being removed at the library park. He is going to advertise in paper to sell these old floats. A "kick off" party for the season is planned to be held on June 9th at the public landing if approved by the select board. ***Harbormaster Pixley would like to extend an invitation to the event to the Select Board. Ben Ellison motioned to recommend to the Select Board to approve the June 9th harbor celebration. Steve Gold seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.***

4. **ARTICLE VI PIER REVIEW:**

Chairman Gene McKeever thanked the members who attended the April 1st Select Board meeting supporting changes to the ordinance in Article VI referring to piers. The change would be to have “no” new piers in the inner harbor area. At this time no new piers can be built from Wayfarer to Sherman’s Point and the committee wanted to make it the same on the other side of Wayfarer to the outer harbor. The Select Board is not totally in favor of the changes recommended and therefore, would like to have time to review the changes proposed. The Select Board agreed to have a public meeting in order to have it available for the November warrant. Willard Wight feels the concept the committee has of the no piers is correct, however, it was presented too soon to Select Board.

5. **FISHERMEN HOIST:**

Harbormaster Pixley has spoken to fishermen and they seem to like the hoist that is located in the bait area at O’Hara Ice in Rockland. Pixley will email pictures to the committee of this hoist.

6. **FINGER FLOAT SYSTEM REPLACEMENT:**

Harbormaster Pixley updated the committee on the pressure treated wood that would need to be purchased to replace the finger floats. Pixley said his hopes is to gather bids this summer and be able to have them in place for next season. Ben Ellison suggested researching a design he saw in Sweden and the committee thought it was a good idea to consider and Pixley will do more research on these and McKeever will speak to a contact he has that would know about these types of design. Willard Wight voiced concerns of safety for the aging population and Pixley said this is definitely a concern when designing.

7. **INNER HARBOR FLOATS FOR SMALLER BOATS:**

The committee discussed the float that they have put in place near the Angelique float that could be used for a smaller boat to use as an inner harbor float. The committee would like to have a definition to define the new float along with an administrative change in ordinance on float size to be reviewed by Town Attorney in order to try to have on the November warrant. Ben Ellison will work on the language for this.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 with the next meeting being adjourned at 9:05 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for May 1st @ 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk