

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
JUNE 1, 2015
MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gene McKeever, Richard Stetson, Steve Gold, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and Select Board Liaison Jim Heard (excused @ 9 a.m.).

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Willard Wight, Avery Brott, Will Gartley (Gartley & Dorsky), and Stuart Smith.

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

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Avery Brott addressed the committee on the deteriorating conditions of the finger float system. Avery has concerns with the safety as does the committee and harbormaster. He asked the committee if money has been set aside for repairs and what the plan is going forward to repair the floats. Chairperson McKeever told him the project has been postponed by the Town and that the Select Board is aware of the issue. He thanked Avery for his time and concern.

Will Gartley (Gartley & Dorsky) addressed the committee with information and plan design for a pier that is being submitted to the Planning Board on behalf of Jay Kislak at 10 Dillingham Point. Stuart Smith was also present on behalf of Mr. Kislak in case the committee had any questions. Will went over the plans and showed a photo of a pier structure of rock and concrete on the property in the 1970's. The committee was not able to make a recommendation to the Planning Board at this meeting as the application has not been formerly submitted to the committee and it was thought Will was here to give preliminary details to committee before the application was brought before them. Also, the pier application would need to be an agenda item. Will was under the impression that he was there to have the recommendation from the committee for the Planning Board meeting scheduled for June 3, 2015. Chairman McKeever is willing to have a special meeting to have a recommendation for the Planning Board once needed items are submitted. Chairperson McKeever made it clear that the committee is not in favor of any new piers in the harbor with the exception of municipal piers. Stuart Smith disagrees with the elimination of piers. Chairman McKeever was also wondering if by chance the pier was nothing but a repair of an old existing pier and therefore, needed no permit to do the work. He asked if there were any remnants of an old pier structure anywhere on site.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 4TH MINUTES

Richard Stetson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Steve Gold seconded motion. Passed 3-0-0.

3. **HARBORMASTER'S REPORT**

Harbormaster Pixley spoke to the committee about his concerns of a person on the waiting list for an inner harbor float as "commercial" and does not feel the person fits the definition. The harbor ordinance outlines the criteria's that would qualify as a commercial status and this person would not meet the criteria. Pixley has been making repairs in harbor as needed.

4. **FISHERMEN HOIST/BOARDWALK**

Fishermen hoist is on hold at this time.

5. **PIERS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Chairman McKeever told the committee that the Planning Board is in agreement with the Proposed ban on piers. Steve Gold did a brief update on possible changes to the "Definitions" in the harbor ordinance that was proposed by the Planning Board. It was agreed that Steve Gold will submit the updated changes to harbor clerk and she will pass on to Planning Board secretary for their meeting.

6. **REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** (Discuss public access per the plan's objectives)

No Discussion.

7. **DISCUSSION OF COMMERCIAL PERMIT SITE REASSIGNMENTS**

Discussion made in Item #3.

8. **CURTIS ISLAND DAY**

Steve Gold updated the committee about Curtis Island Day. The date will June 20th from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Chairman McKeever said the Select Board is aware and enthusiastically approves this. Boats will be made available for transportation, along with dinghies, and floats will need to be put in place. Steve Gold hopes to have Barbara Dyer dedicate her Camden Herald article to the history of Curtis Island to draw attention to the event.

9. **LAUNCHING RAMP FEE**

Consensus was that charging fees would be impractical. Richard Stetson suggested that Pixley speak with Rockport Harbormaster on how they operate their launch fees. Willard Wight told of the days when they did have a launch fee at Steam Boat Landing.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for July 6th at 7:30 a.m. at the Yacht Club weather permitting. Rain location is Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk