

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
JUNE 5, 2014
MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Gene McKeever, Richard Stetson, Ben Cashen, Sandy Welte, Steve Gold, Ray Williamson (left @ 8:00), Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and SB Liaison Jim Heard.

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

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Steve Gold asked the committee who was responsible for the benches in the Harbor Park and was told the library was responsible. Steve Gold also, inquired about the transportation bond funds that have recently been released and when the funds would be available for the harbor projects. Steve Pixley has touched base with Brian Hodges concerning this, however, not sure when funds will be released.

2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 5TH MINUTES:

Richard Stetson motioned to accept the minutes of April 3rd as written. Sandy Welte seconded motion. Passed 4-0-0.

Ray Williamson motioned to accept the minutes of April 23rd as written. Ben Cashen seconded motion. Passed 4-0-0.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley notified the committee of a recent violation by a fisherman who left his Boat at the docks without permission and was unable to be contacted, therefore, he was given a penalty fine as other boaters were unable to use the dock when needed and Pixley had to move the boat himself. Pixley reported that all infrastructures were in place. He reminded the committee of the barbecue potluck that will be held on June 7th from 5-7 p.m. at the landing to kick off the summer season. Ray asked him how long the barge in the channel would be there as it was difficult to navigate around and Pixley said he would rearrange boats in that area so that there was more room to navigate. Pixley passed out a fee comparison of other harbors for the committee to review for future reference.

4. FISHERMEN HOIST:

Pixley has spoken to the fishermen about what type of hoist they would like to see in the harbor and they all seem to like the one that O'Hara Ice has. Pixley has sent pictures to Town Manager Finnigan for her to consider. He estimates the cost would be \$19,000 - \$22,000. The maximum weight would be 1000 lbs.

5. FINGER FLOAT REPLACEMENT:

Pixley reported that he has repaired the floats the best he can to get them through the season, however, he has stated to the town manager and the committee that he will not put the current system in next year due to safety reasons. They need to be replaced by next season.

6. INNER HARBOR FLOATS FOR SMALLER BOATS:

Pixley reported that he has 2 waiting list applicants that have boats that will fit in the space allotted for the smaller inner harbor float and that they are in the process of having the gear put together to put their float in space.

7. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SUGGESTIONS:

There will be a public hearing in July concerning the proposed ordinance change concerning eliminating future piers in the inner harbor. Chair McKeever will speak to the town manager to schedule a date for this hearing. Pixley suggested having a few meetings with people from the public to discuss and explain this change, however, the committee agreed that this is not needed as that is why public hearings are held.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for July 7th at 7:30 a.m. at the Yacht Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk