

CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
MEETING
JULY 7, 2014

MEMEBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gene McKeever, Ben Cashen, Ben Ellison, Richard Stetson, Sandy Welte (7:55 a.m.), Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and Select Board Liaison Jim Heard.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Hoffman & Rob Iserbyt (Inspector).

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Tim Hoffman spoke to the committee on behalf of the “Vets on the Water” program that he is involved with. The program offers boating opportunities to vets by having boaters donate their time and boat to take vets out on the water. This program is totally based on no fees exchanging between the boaters and the program. Tim wanted to make the harbor committee aware of this program in hopes of getting the word out to other boaters in order to extend the opportunities for the vets. The committee feels the program is a great one and will spread the word.

2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 5TH MINUTES:

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

3. HARBORMASTER’S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley reported to the committee that the new “Angelique” float is not secure enough for large boats to use. The existing schooner owners feel it is an unsafe idea due to the amount of chain in said area. Pixley has moved the harbormaster’s boat to another slip and has added 16 feet to the fisherman’s dock which has made more room and is working out very well. Pixley reported that the Nina and the Pinta replicas were in the harbor and the town generated \$4,350 in dockage revenue from their visit. The committee was pleased with the vessels being in the harbor. Rob Iserbyt spoke to the committee concerning failed mooring gear as he had recently dealt with an inner harbor float breaking away from the chain which put him in unsafe conditions when trying to rectify the problem. The float owners were aware of the float failing the inspection, however, still chose to put their boats on the float and Rob feels there should be some procedure in place to stop boats from being put on failed floats/moorings until they have passed inspection. Ben Cashen and Sandy Welte suggested putting signage for failed inspections such as “Not Safe to Use” or something similar to inform people that they are not to be used. The committee is in agreement that floats/moorings should not have a boat on them if they have failed inspection and that Harbormaster Pixley should address this serious issue.

4. FISHERMEN HOIST:

Continue to wait for grant monies to be released in order to begin project. Chairperson McKeever will contact Development Director Brian Hodges for an update.

5. FINGER FLOAT SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Harbormaster Pixley will speak with Town Manager Pat Finnigan concerning a timeline and the process in order to schedule work, bids, etc.

6. INNER HARBOR FLOAT FOR SMALLER BOATS:

Harbormaster Pixley reported that he is ready to have float installed when one is found.

7. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION (PIERS):

The committee discussed the need to schedule the public hearing concerning extending the “no piers” in the outer harbor as a recommended ordinance change for the November warrant.

Sandy Welte moved that the chairman undertake to communicate with the select board and urge them to abide by the course of action they voted to take respecting piers in the outer harbor; i.e. to hold a public hearing on the question in July 2014. Ben Ellison seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.

At the end of the meeting Chairman McKeever thanked everyone for their commentaries during the meetings and that all was welcomed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for August 4th at 7:30 a.m. at the Camden Yacht Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk