

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF
JULY 8, 2013
MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gene McKeever, Richard Stetson, Stephen Gold, and Harbormaster Steve Pixley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

NO DISCUSSION

2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 6TH MINUTES:

Richard Stetson motioned to accept minutes as written. Stephen Gold seconded motion. Passed 3-0.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley passed out a suggestion for a proposed future yearly spring event at the harbor to encourage smaller boaters from around the area to utilize and enjoy the harbor for the day. The committee thought this was a good idea and Steve Gold suggested having a marine yard sale and Steve Pixley suggested adding a swap to it. Pixley reported that the 4th of July fireworks had a few issues; however, all in all they went well. Richard Stetson asked about the static electricity he gets when getting into his boat from the new floats that have been installed at the harbor. Pixley said he will investigate if there are any safety issues with this happening.

4. OUTHAUL AT CURTIS ISLAND: (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS)

Stephen Gold presented to the committee a copy of a photo of an area on Curtis Island where an outhaul could be placed for public use to access the island safely. He feels that this outhaul should be placed due to safety issues along with being able to have more accessibility to the island for the public. Pixley told the committee that Rob Iserbyt had a spiral spud that he was willing to donate and that the harbor has a block that could be used. Gold also, showed a photo of the current outhaul that is in place at the island. After some discussion the following motion was made by Stephen Gold:

The committee instructs the Harbormaster to inform the Select Board of the installation of the outhaul at Curtis Island. Richard Stetson seconded the motion. Richard Stetson has a concern of human waste, however, there is currently a privy located on the island. Motion passed 2-0-1. Richard Stetson abstained.

5. HOIST AT HARBOR:

NO DISCUSSION. AUGUST AGENDA ITEM

6. NEW TOWN INNER HARBOR FLOAT:

Pixley reported that the new float is working out well and has had no problems with the people who have used it. He told the committee that he would be doing a swap out of old to new floats for the schooners in the fall.

7. PUBLIC LANDING UPDATE:

Chairman McKeever updated the committee on the presentation and design that had been proposed for the harbor. McKeever said the presentation and design was weak for the harbor. Richard Stetson asked about the wider ramp at the harbor that had been discussed previously. Pixley said that due to the rebidding of the pilings for the dredging due to their shortage of their supply and the cost increase there had been no funds available to do this project. McKeever felt that several Select Board members were not in favor of a railing being needed and would find funding other than Federal grants to improve the public landing. McKeever encouraged members to attend upcoming meetings and will have a notice sent out of the next meeting date.

8. ORDINANCE REVIEW UPDATE:

The review committee is currently continuing to work on the proposed ordinance changes with the hopes of having a draft available to the committee by late fall to review.

9. INNER HARBOR FLOAT WAIT LIST PROPOSAL: (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS)

Steve Gold passed out an analysis of the proposed change in the Inner Harbor Float Waiting List Procedure that he had developed. After explaining his conclusions he does not feel that it would be effective change longevity wise. Richard Stetson did not feel that people on the cloud list percentages were accurate. Pixley likes the concept of a cloud list; however, he does feel it could be abused. Gold suggested maybe a swap a float for a mooring site might encourage people to release their floats. This item will be discussed further.

The meeting adjourned with the next meeting being scheduled for August 5th at 7:30 a.m. at the Camden Yacht Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk

