

REVISED 8/14/2014

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
AUGUST 11, 2014
MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gene McKeever, Sandy Welte, Ben Ellison, Steve Gold, Ray Williamson, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and Select Board Liaison Jim Heard.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Gartley of Gartley & Dorsky.

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

1. ROB/KAREN BRACE PIER PROJECT ON HARBOR ROAD

Will Gartley presented the committee with the pier design for the Brace's property. Will has submitted the applications that needed to be submitted before the committee could begin to make a recommendation on the pier. He answered the questions that was brought up at the August 4th meeting which where:

1. Height of railings: – 3 ft. above deck
2. Lighting: - Low lighting at night
3. Gallows : – 7 ft. and are removable
4. Pearling's: – 4 X 6 and 8 ft. on center

Steve Gold was concerned the pier was wider than 4 ft. however, with the harbor ordinance not being clear on the language of this the committee could not defend the 4 ft. width, however, they did agree on the fact that it should not be more than 6 ft., which it is not.

The committee had much discussion on the issue of not being comfortable answering the questions pertaining to the permit due to the fact that they have recommended having no piers in the outer harbor and that they had requested a "public hearing" to be able to address this with the public in order to possibly be put on the November warrant. They feel that if this "public hearing" had been scheduled then they would have been more comfortable with the permit application. Chairperson McKeever reminded them that the committee has a responsibility to complete the application process based on the harbor ordinance as written at this time. **The entire committee wanted on record that they are opposed to any future piers in the outer harbor.**

The committee completed the permit application as needed. **(see attached)** and then the following motion was made:

Steve Gold motioned to recommend to Select Board that the committee not approve the permit application based on Article 1, Section 2.B the minimization of conflict because this application is in conflict with Article 6 Section 7 F.2 C, E & F and also, Article 1 Section 2.E. to prevent further encroachment upon the outer harbor as stipulated and also, in G. under guidance on the usage on the three separate areas of Camden harbor and stipulated in #2 objectives of the outer harbor. Ben Ellison seconded motion. Passed 4-1-0. (Richard Stetson opposed)

2. AL JOHNSON REQUEST FOR FLOAT IN OUTER HARBOR

Harbormaster Pixley presented a request from Al Johnson for a float to be placed in the inner harbor in front of his property to be used for him to dock kayaks and to make available to possibly the Camden Yacht Club or the harbormaster when needed. The committee was not in favor of the float at all as it does not meet the criteria of the use or enhancement of town owned property as the harbor ordinance requires.

Sandy Welte motioned to advise the harbormaster that this proposal is not properly before us and appears to be inconsistent with the harbor ordinance. Steve Gold seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. with the next regular meeting scheduled for September 8th at 7:30 a.m. at the Camden Yacht Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk