

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
MEETING**

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Sid Lindsley.

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

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Sid Lindsley addressed the committee concerning the town's right of ways to the harbor and the fact that property owners are taking into their own hands ways to make them unavailable to public use. One area he spoke of was the access point on Sherman's Point Road. He also, is not in agreement with the recent Bay Road access point real estate transaction between the buyers and the town. The committee is in agreement with access points owned by the town should be utilized fully by the public. Ben Ellison showed a diagram of the Belfast Harbor showing the access points the Town of Belfast owns. The committee would like to see a similar diagram for the Town of Camden done. Steve Gold noticed the "No Smoking" signs were being placed around town; however, they had not been placed at the green area at harbor. Select Board Member Jim Heard said the signs are going

to be placed there. Steve Gold asked Jim Heard when the Select Board Members would be making their trip to Curtis Island as he feels this is important to do as questions do arise concerning the island at times.

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5TH & AUGUST 13TH MINUTES:

Steve Gold asked that a correction be made to the August 13th minutes as they do not have him listed as in attendance. The minutes will be amended to state this.

Sandy Welte motioned to accept minutes with the correction being made to the August 13th minutes to state Steve Gold was in attendance. Ray Williamson seconded motion. Passed 6-0-0.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley reported that one of his assistant's, Henry Owen, left for the season due to college, however, he plans to be back next season. Pixley reported that the Windjammer Festival went well and the weather was great. He hopes to be replacing a couple of old pilings at some point.

4. HOIST AT HARBOR:

Harbormaster Pixley has a cost estimate of \$57,000 from 3 years ago. Chairman McKeever asked to have a copy of this for the committee. Pixley stated that the finger float system will need to be replaced before a hoist due to condition of the floats and money available to spend.

5. PUBLIC LANDING UPDATE:

Discussion in Item #4.

6. ORDINANCE REVIEW UPDATE:

Chairman McKeever thanked all involved in the proposed changes of the harbor ordinance. Also, he reported that the proposed changes will be voted on in November.

7. INNER HARBOR WAIT LIST PROPOSAL:

No discussion as is on the November warrant.

8. BAY ROAD LAND GIFT TO HARBOR:

Sid Lindsley and the committee are unsure exactly what transpired with this right way. They would like to have been made aware of this transaction before it had taken place in order to have some possible input in the decision process. Select Board Member Jim Heard answered questions and explained the right of way transaction with the new property owner's and stated that the right of way is still there for public use only with restrictions to the land such as no benches, no steps, etc. After much discussion it was agreed that Chairman McKeever would speak to Town Manager Pat Finnigan concerning this matter on behalf of the committee. McKeever also, reminded the committee that they are only an "advisor" board to the Select Board, which the members feel they were not able to do. McKeever thanked Sid Lindsley for his input and for his continuing interest in the harbor.

Steve Gold motioned to request that Chairman McKeever to address the Bay Road right of way changes with the Town Manager Pat Finnigan so that it is clear to the committee what the changes are. Ben Ellison seconded motion. Passed 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for October 3rd at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk