

**REVISED 11/7/2013**  
**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**OCTOBER 3, 2013**  
**MEETING**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Gene McKeever, Steve Gold, Ben Ellison, Richard Stetson, Sandy Welte, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and Select Board Member Jim Heard.

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** Will Gartley of Gartley & Dorsky Engineering and Willard Wight.

1. **PASSERI PIER:**

Will Gartley presented to the committee for their approval and recommendation to the Select Board the drawings and information for the "Passeri" pier application. Will assured the committee that the pier meets the current harbor ordinance's regulations; however, he would like to speak with the committee at a later date concerning areas in the ordinance that he feels should be addressed. The committee was in agreement that they would welcome his input towards the ordinance in the future. Based upon inquiry from counsel for Passeri Sandy Welte raised a concern on the impact the pier would cause to the nearby yacht club mooring used for the sailing program and Harbormaster Pixley stated that if there should be an issue that the Yacht Club mooring could be moved, if needed. Steve Gold asked if the float would be removed during the winter months and Will stated that the ramp and float would be removed during the winter. It was asked if this pier affects the Bay Road land used by the Town and Chairman McKeever stated that it does not based on a letter he received from Town Manager Finnigan written by the Town Attorney on September 18, 2013.

***Richard Stetson made a motion to pass the "Passeri" pier plans as presented as the plans comply with the current Camden Harbor Ordinance, as written. Ben Ellison seconded motion. Passed 3-0-2. (Sandy Welte & Steve Gold abstained)***

2. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Chairman McKeever asked that the committee keep Ben Cashen in their thoughts and wish him well during this difficult time for him.

3. **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 9TH MINUTES:**

**Ben Ellison motioned to accept minutes as written. Steve Gold seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.**

4. **HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:**

Harbormaster Pixley has created a more efficient way to store the Steam Boat Landing floats and feels it will be much easier in removing the floats for the winter. He and Steve Gold have tweaked the mooring for the outhaul at Curtis Island for future usage.

5. **BUDGET:**

Harbormaster Pixley presented the suggested 2015 harbor budget, Capital Improvement Plan, and the 2014 harbor fees to the committee to review. The only increase in the fees is for the waiting list applications and the waiting list late fees. The fee increase is due to additional clerical work in the future and these fees have not been increased in past years when the overall fees have been. There are a few change suggestions to the spreadsheets that are given to the committee for the future to be done by Marlene.

**Ben Ellison motioned to accept the budget and harbor fees, as written. Richard Stetson seconded motion. Passed 4-0-0. (Sandy Welte not present for vote)**

6. **HOIST AT HARBOR:**

Harbormaster Pixley noted that the hoist at the harbor will happen at some point. The Camden Development Director Brian Hodges is in the process of applying for a grant that will possibly be able to help fund the hoist. The capital improvement plan presented by Pixley in Item #5 (above) has a new "Fisherman Hoist" line added with \$5,000 being put aside for the maintenance of the hoist.

7. **FINGER FLOAT SYSTEM:**

Harbormaster Pixley reported that the finger float system definitely needs to be replaced by 2015 season. The committee suggested that when funds are appropriated for the replacement that he should have someone contracted by October 2014 in order to build the system and have ready for installment for 2015 season.

8. **BAY ROAD LAND GIFT TO HARBOR:**

Moved to November Agenda.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk