

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF  
OCTOBER 5, 2015  
MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Gene McKeever, Richard Stetson, Sandy Welte, Ray Williamson, and Harbormaster Steve Pixley.

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** Willard Wight.

**1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**2. HARBOR ORDINANCE EDITS**

No Discussion Needed.

**3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES**

*Sandy Welte motioned to accept minutes as written. Ray Williamson seconded motion. Passed 4-0-0.*

**4. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT**

Harbormaster Steve Pixley noted the amount of rain due to the storm. Pixley was concerned about the floats. A couple of boats almost sank during the storm.

**5. SETTING OF 2016 HARBOR USE FEES**

Harbormaster Pixley suggested no increase in fees as he feels the fees are currently fair. Richard Stetson has concerns about the fishermen docking overnight at the fishermen's float. Some discussion on the placement of the fishermen parking spaces. Richard Stetson suggested Raising the fee for "Non-Resident Mooring With Over 30' Boat" from the current additional \$1/ft. for every foot over 30 feet to \$2/ft. for every foot over 30 feet as the non-resident fees are normally double the resident/taxpayer fees where applicable. *Sandy Welte motioned to Recommend to the Select Board the 2016 Harbor Fees not be increased except for the "Non-Resident Mooring Over 30' Boat" be increased from \$320 + \$1/ft. to \$320 + \$2/ft. Ray Williamson seconded motion. Passed 4-0-0.*

The Committee discussed the FT2017 Harbor budget. According to the Harbor Ordinance the Committee is only responsible for recommending harbor fees to the Select Board. The Committee is not responsible for the harbor budget. Pixley discussed the need for a vehicle for the harbor work. The Wastewater Department has a truck available to purchase for \$13,000 and he would like to purchase this vehicle. Chairman McKeever supports the purchase of a vehicle for harbor work as other Town departments have a vehicle for Town work and feel the harbor should also, have one. Willard Wight asked why there was no monies budgeted for Curtis Island Lighthouse, however, it was actually budgeted for in FY16 for the amount of \$1,000. Pixley

questioned which department is actually responsible for the maintenance of the island. Pixley thought the Parks & Rec should be responsible, however, Ray Williamson feels the island should be part of the harbor budget in order for the harbor to keep an interest in it. Willard Wight asked if Chairman McKeever could ask whose jurisdiction the island actually falls under. McKeever will get an definite answer for the committee and also, stated that the Harbor Ordinance noted that the Harbor is responsible for the island.

**6. FISHERMEN HOIST/BOARDWALK**

Pixley says the hoist will be happening and that Prock Marine will be doing the work. Pixley will follow up with the Town Manager on the timeline of the work and report back to Committee.

**7. HARBOR RESERVE REVIEW**

There was discussion about the suggested reserve figure not indicated for FY17. A figure was not indicated due to the budget and figure not previously being discussed and reviewed by the Harbormaster with the Town Manager prior to meeting.

**8. FINGER FLOATS FOLLOW UP WITH 2016 REPLACEMENT PLANS**

The Committee asked if the bid packages have been done for the replacement of the finger floats. Pixley will speak with Gartley & Dorsky and the Town Manager on the status of project.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk