

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gene McKeever, Sandy Welte, Richard Stetson, Ray Williamson, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, Select Board Liaison Leonard Lookner, and Town Manager Pat Finnigan.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: KAREN BRACE (Town of Camden EDD), Willard Wight.

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

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

2. KAREN BRACE (WINDJAMMER WEEKEND)

Karen Brace addressed the committee with new ideas that are being created for the Windjammer Weekend such as activities for adults and children, each part of the harbor depicting its heritage, etc. Karen embraces any ideas or participation from the committee at any time concerning the harbor. The committee thanked Karen for attending the meeting and look forward to working with her in the future.

3. APPROVAL OCTOBER 5TH MINUTES

Sandy Welte motioned to approve minutes as written. Richard Stetson seconded motion. Passed 4-0-0.

4. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Harbormaster Pixley reported that he has removed the float for the season. The finger floats are being advertised for sale as the new finger float system will be in place next season. He is basically making preparations to close the harbor for the season.

5. FISHERMEN HOIST

Harbormaster Pixley and Town Manager Finnigan stated that the fishermen hoist will be in place by May 27, 2016 as contract states. Pixley has met with needed people to prepare for the projects completion.

6. HARBOR RESERVE REVIEW FIGURES

Town Manager Finnigan explained that in the past there has been confusion concerning the Capital Improvement Plan and the budget. The Capital Improvement Plan is just that a plan not

a budget. The committee considered money they would plan for capital improvements would be set aside each year, however, this has not been the case. Monies are budgeted in the Capital Improvement Line of the budget, however, it is not the amount the committee has in their Capital Improvement Plan line. The conclusion is that the Capital Improvement Plan should be the Capital Improvement Budget and have a line item for each project the committee will need funded and have the Harbormaster present it to the Town Manager for approval and then be recommended to the Budget Committee. It was agreed the committee would move forward with this understanding and not to compare the process with how previous year's has been handled or understood. The committee discussed with Town Manager if the Harbor Committee would qualify for an enterprise or commission status and what are the pros and cons of each. Town Manager will research the information concerning the two areas and will let the committee know. The committee thanked the Town Manager for coming to the meeting and explaining how the budget for the harbor works and to answer any questions the committee has had about the budget versus fees.

7. FINGER FLOAT REPLACEMENTS

The Finger Floats will be replaced next season. Some discussion on the amount of time it has taken to replace the system. Town Manager Finnigan said bids will go out over the winter in order for the floats to be ready for next season.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for December 10, 2015 in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk