

REVISED JANUARY 2, 2014

CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF
DECEMBER 5, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gene McKeever, Ben Ellison, Steve Gold, Richard Stetson, Ben Cashen, Sandy Welte, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, Town Manager Pat Finnigan, and Select Board Member Jim Heard.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Daysailer Captain's: Aaron Lincoln, Alec Brainerd, Garth Wells, Sean O'Connor, and Jack & Barbara Moore.

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ben Ellison requested to discuss with the committee the Bay Road Public Access issue at the December 12th meeting, however, Chairperson McKeever later ruled it would not be necessary to do.

2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 7TH & NOVEMBER 14TH MINUTES:

Ben Ellison motioned to accept November 7th revised minutes and Ben Cashen seconded motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-0.

Ben Ellison requested a change to Item #1 in the minutes of November 14th. Ben requested a change to the next to last sentence to read "Ben Ellison felt strongly concerning the effect this would have on rites of passage and uses of the shores as he feels it would have **adverse impact, however not substantial.**" **Richard Stetson motioned to accept November 14th minutes with the revision request and Ben Ellison seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-0.**

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley told the committee that the new floats located at Windjammer area are working well and are well liked. He also, is researching harbor fees from other towns and states to get an idea of where Camden falls in comparison.

4. APPROVAL OF 2014 DAYSAILER/FISHERMEN FLOATS APPLICATIONS:

The Fishermen Float Applications were reviewed. ***Ben Ellison motioned to recommend for approval to the Select Board. Sandy Welte seconded the motion. Passed 5-0-0.***

Daysailer Application Discussion

Aaron Lincoln addressed the committee concerning his new application for the six pack vessel "Owl". It seems the vessel meets the criteria of the harbor ordinance; however, the concern was by the other Daysailers who were present and the Harbormaster. With the addition of this vessel it would affect a time slot that is currently being utilized by "Betselma" who does not want to lose their time slot. Some of the Daysailers had concerns of the additional vessel interfering with existing schedules. Harbormaster Pixley felt that if it was for a one time slot for the day it would be ideal, however, he also would like to experience a full schedule before adding an additional vessel in the schedule. Discussion concerning the "Betselma" not utilizing their schedule to the fullest this past season and another vessel being able to utilize the time slots, if needed. After much discussion Sandy Welte asked if more time was needed to consider the application and it was decided there was. Ben Ellison motioned to recommend to the Select Board the vessel applications that were held last year for approval. ***Sandy Welte motioned to postpone the recommendation for all applications until a "special" meeting could be scheduled for further discussion. Richard Stetson seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0. A "special" meeting has been scheduled for December 12th @ 7:30 a.m.***

5. FINGER FLOAT SYSTEM:

System needs to be replaced.

6. HOUSEBOATS:

Sandy Welte did a very interesting presentation of a "houseboat" case of **Lozman vs. Riveria** Beach with comments by Chief Justice of Supreme Court Roberts. Sandy felt this case should be taken into consideration if the committee decided to add a definition for "houseboat" in the ordinance.

7. DAYSAILER BERTHS AT LIBRARY PARK FLOAT:

Harbormaster Pixley suggested the Town offer the additional space obtained by the new floats located at the float of Windjammer Angelique be offered to another Daysailer candidate. Richard Stetson asked if he had discussed this with Mike McHenry (Angelique) and Pixley stated he had mentioned this to him, however, he doesn't think he would be favorable to the idea. Pixley will discuss further with McHenry. Garth Wells (Lewis R. French) voiced concern about an outsider using his berth due to needing to make contact with them if an issue arose while they were out sailing. Richard Stetson felt it is to the Town's advantage to make the space available. More discussion will be made at next "regular" meeting.

8. ARTICLE VI – CONSTRUCTION OF PIERS:

Discussion postponed until next meeting. Will Gartley and Sid Lindsley will be asked to attend for input on **pages of 33-36 of the Harbor Ordinance** concerning this item.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. with the next "regular" meeting being scheduled for January 2, 2014 at 7:30 in the Washington Street Conference Room.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk**