

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
JULY 6, 2015
MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gene McKeever, Ben Ellison, Steve Gold, Ray Williamson, Richard Stetson, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and Select Person Liaison Jim Heard.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Willard Wight.

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

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ray Williamson spoke to the committee concerning Wayfarer Marine is not adhering to the 40' wide channel rule and the harbormaster should speak with the new owners concerning this issue. There was also discussion about making sure the new owners of Wayfarer Marine were aware of the harbor rules because the rules may be more restrictive than they are used to in Thomaston Harbor. Specifically we have channels that need to be clear per the US Army Corps of Engineers rulings. These are enforcement issues for our Harbor master. Chairman McKeever offered to go with Steve Pixley when he meets with Wayfarer

2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 1ST MINUTES

The minutes were approved as written. Passed 5-0-0.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Harbormaster Pixley reported that he moved old stone block out of way of Camden public launch ramp. This year has been a new record for mooring turnovers. He will have Camden Yacht Club host an "Opti Sail Boat Race" in the harbor on July 15th.

4. FISHERMEN HOIST/BOARDWALK

A short discussion on the hoist and that the Select Board voted on accepting Prock Marine's bid to do the work in October.

5. PIERS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Chairman McKeever asked that all who could attend the July 9th Planning Board meeting please go. Ben Ellison is planning to attend to represent his personal views that there should be specific measurements in the ordinance for any municipal piers.

6. REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN(Discuss public access per the plan's objectives)

There was discussion as to when the meeting for our part of the Comprehensive Plan was to take place, we may have missed the meeting?

7. DISCUSSION OF COMMERCIAL PERMIT SITE REASSIGNMENTS

Talk was of “one mooring for one name” but again it was slightly clouded by how a corporation is handled. It was said by Harbormaster Steve that if the new owner wasn’t on the waiting list then they needed to get on the list and await their turn.

8. CURTIS ISLAND DAY

Discussed the positive feedback and ovation that Curtis Island Day received and about how to make it better for next year. Possibly put some old float out there. It was also decided that this event would go onto the April 2016 agenda so the committee could start the planning process because the attendance this past event was so overwhelming. More planning is needed.

9. LAUNCHING RAMP FEE

The committee recommended the harbormaster research other harbors that have a fee for boat launch in order to discuss further.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for August 3, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. at the Camden Yacht Club.

Minutes taken by Harbormaster Steve Pixley.