

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**MARCH 14, 2013**  
**MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Gene McKeever, Ben Ellison, Ben Cashen, Sandy Welte, Ray Williamson, Harbor Master Steve Pixley, and Select Board Member Jim Heard.

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** WILLARD WIGHT, BRAD SCOTT, ADAM SCOTT, CAPT. BARRY KING (Mary Day), AND CAPT. AARON LINCOLN (Olad).

The meeting was called to order at 7:32. a.m.

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Brad Scott addressed the committee concerning a need for a hoist at the harbor for fishermen. He has spoken to the other fishermen at the harbor and they are all in agreement that one is needed and that it is a necessity. He noted that the majority of the communities have one available for the fishermen. Chairman McKeever agreed with Brad and said it was long overdue in supplying one for the harbor. Ben Ellison asked Brad if he was a resident of Camden as the committee could use a representative of the fishing community on the committee. Unfortunately, Brad is not a resident. Chairman McKeever will put this request on the April agenda to be discussed more and Brad said he would get estimates to bring to the next meeting.

Aaron Lincoln addressed the committee concerning the decision of the Select Board not to allow the daysailers to use the recently purchased float of Jim Sharp's by the Town. He feels this would help with congestion at the harbor and felt this was one of the reasons the committee was in agreement with the float purchase. The Select Board has made the decision and the uses of the float will be up for discussion next year.

2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES:

Ray Williamson motioned to accept as written. Sandy Welte seconded motion. Passed 4-0-1 (with Ben Ellison abstaining)

3. HARBOR MASTERS REPORT:

Harbor Master Pixley updated the committee on the replacement of 10 sets of new irons to the finger float marina due to weakness. He also, upgraded the town transient docks with new connectors. He will be hiring Henry Owen as an Asst. Harbor Master for the season.

4. TOWN DREDGE:

Harbor Master Pixley reported that all in the entire dredge project went well. He reported that a few planks had been broken by trucks; however, he is replacing these. He also, reported that the tug had caught up in the port summer line of the "Mary Day" and cut it. The blocks for the "Mary Day" may have been moved during the move and not repositioned as should be. Capt. Barry King addressed the committee on the frustration he felt concerning the dredge and the non-communication associated with it. Due to the line and block issue that he has had to deal with and not being made aware of this issue ahead of time by someone, that he has had to put a lot of time into investigating the problem, how to resolve it, and being inconvenienced by having to pay additional rent to Wayfarer Marine in order to berth his vessel. It has been very costly to him due to his feels poor management of the project. He feels that if there had been consistent communication among all involved that the problem could have been resolved before Prock Marine left the harbor. He feels that there should be a final inspection before the company doing the work is released from the project and if there is issues that have occurred due to the dredging that the company should have to come back to harbor to rectify them. Harbor Master Pixley had followed up with Prock Marine concerning the moving of the block and was told that they did not move it. Capt. King felt that possibly Gartley & Dorsky should have been brought in to inspect and approve the completion of the project as they did they did the initial diagrams for project. Sandy Welte feels that it would be a good idea to have whoever has done the survey for projects do an inspection of the work and sign off of the project. Chairman McKeever assured Capt. King that he will follow up with Town Manager Finnigan and Pixley to see what can be done and what to expect with future projects on his behalf.

5. PURCHASE OF WAYFARER FLOATS:

Harbor Master Pixley informed the committee that Town Manager Finnigan has made a counter offer to Wayfarer on the floats and is awaiting the decision. He has put the existing floats in at this point. Ray Williamson voiced his concerns in making sure the floats stand up to the tides and wave action as they were built for a specific purpose for Wayfarer Marine and the Town will use them for another purpose. Harbor Master Pixley will inspect floats again to make sure they are built for Town use.

6. DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN:

Ben Ellison will be on the committee of the designing of the Town Landing & River walk. Chairman McKeever and Ben will work to make sure the working waterfront is recognized in the plans. All committee members are encouraged to attend any of the meetings.

7. WORKING GROUP AND ORDINANCE REVIEW GROUP DISCUSSION:

Chairman McKeever commended the ordinance review committee on all their work. Sandy Welte reported that the committee is making progress and are still meeting on a weekly basis. Harbor Master Pixley reported that the "work group" committee meetings have been discussing how to make harbor fees more equitable for all uses of the harbor. They will continue to discuss this.

8. REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS SUPPLIED BY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE:

Chairman McKeever made a suggestion brought to him by Willard Wight to wait six months to modify the harbor sections that they were asked to make any revisions to until the design and ideas for the town landing and river walk have been presented. Select Board Member Jim Heard thought it was important for the committee to move on the revisions, however, the committee feels they should wait and will table this item for discussion at the November 2013 meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk