

CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF

JANUARY 3, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gene McKeever, Ben Ellison, Ben Cashen, Sandy Welte, Ray Williamson, Richard Stetson, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, Select Board Member Jim Heard.

NON-MEMBERS: Willard Wight, Susan Howland (Wayfarer Marine), and Aaron Lincoln.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33. a.m.

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No Discussion

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6TH MINUTES:

Richard Stetson motioned to accept as written. Ray Williamson seconded motion. Passed 6-0.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley has updated reinforcements on the older floats and will continue to replace as time goes on. Pixley updated the committee of the status of Jim Sharp's Inner Harbor Float. He was waiting for a fair market value from Jim's inspector Rob Iserbyt and once this was received he would contact Jim with value to see if it is acceptable and then will approach Select Board to receive final approval of purchase. Pixley had spoken to Gary Neville and the plan was to begin dredging on January 7th. The Coast Guard has requested the Town Channel Markers be numbered in addition, identified with reflective tapes. Pixley has also, spoken with them to have them show the markers accurately on the chart plotters. Pixley also discussed with the committee a \$3,000 grant that Brian Hodges, CEDD, has informed him that can be used for a faster pump for the pump out boat, if needed. Pixley said if for some reason they find that it is not needed, then possibly Wayfarer Marine may be able to use funds for their pump out system, as they are part of this grant. Susan Howland of Wayfarer Marine told the committee that she has floats and bridges for sale and the committee asked Pixley to follow up and these floats to see if they are something the Town can use.

4. TOWN DREDGE:

SEE #3 HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

5. GANGWAY & FLOAT IMPROVEMENT PLANS:

Pixley discussed placement of dolphins with committee. The new gangway has been put on hold due to additional costs of the pilings that was not anticipated.

6. DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN:

Chairman McKeever will be attending a meeting on January 11th concerning how to score proposals from the design firms that will be bidding on Harbor & River Walk project. He said the Harbor Committee will be very involved with the design and input with the project.

7. WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION:

Pixley updated committee on the Work Group Discussion that was held on December 13th. The main discussion was to come up with a rate for boats docking over the two (2) hours allowed at the landing. If a vessel comes in and wants to spend over the two (2) hour limit, then a rate of \$20.00 per additional hour would be charged. Ben Ellison said it would give the Harbormaster more management of the dockage. More discussion will be done concerning this as the Harbor Ordinance work Group begins to meet to make changes to ordinance as needed. Willard Wight asked who is on Ordinance Work Group and how they were going to approach reviewing it. Would it be section-by-section, etc? The committee feels that reviewing the ordinance section-by-section would be the most sensible way. The harbor members that will be on this work group are Chairman Gene McKeever, Ben Ellison, Sandy Welte, Ray Williamson, Richard Stetson, Ben Cashen, and Harbormaster Steve Pixley. At this point, Willard Wight has volunteered to serve on this work group, which the committee welcomed due to his knowledge of the harbor, etc. In addition, an invitation will be sent to Sid Lindsley and Jack Dennen, as each has given considerable input and time into past ordinances for the harbor..The **first** meeting of the *Harbor Ordinance Work Group will be January 10th at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.* The next meeting for the *Harbor Working Group will be January 17th at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for February 14th at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk