

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF  
FEBRUARY 2, 2012**

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

**NON-MEMBERS:** Sid Lindsley, Will Powers, and CEO Steve Wilson (8:00 a.m.).

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

**1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

No Discussion

**2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES:**

*Ray Williamson motioned to accept the minutes as written. Sandy Welte seconded. Passed 5-0.*

**3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:**

Harbormaster Pixley reported to committee that the floats that were left in this winter are holding up nicely. He also informed the committee that Gartley & Dorsky had spoken to him concerning Custom Float Services not being able to get the "correctdeck" composite decking for the float to be installed due to shortage of the material. They plan to use a similar decking, which is just as good and would be putting in extra stringers, if needed for no additional cost. Town

Manager Finnigan stated that all the bidders had the same problem with obtaining this decking. Harbormaster Pixley and Gartley & Dorsky agreed that the alternate decking would be fine to use. Pixley will be having Bill Glover look at the “Welcome” to fix the stress crack and do gauging of the haul and suggest any other maintenance that may be needed. Pixley informed the committee of a request by Windjammer Captain Barry King, that the floats we are replacing not be sold and possibly used for extra floatation at the bridge by the windjammer docks. Richard Stetson suggested that Captain King possibly attend a future meeting to discuss his ideas with the committee.

Ray Williamson said that he was concerned about bolts and brackets that continue to pop out of the floats and ramps at the landing due to storms. He feels that this is a serious issue and that Harbormaster Pixley should be responsible for being at the harbor before, during, and after storms to make sure the float and ramps are intact. Ray feels that Pixley should not have to be called by someone to notify him that there is an issue. Town Manager Finnigan stated that this issue concerning the Harbormaster should be brought directly to her and that the committee meeting was not the place to address this issue.

#### **4. KIRILL PIER PERMIT APPLICATION DISCUSSION:**

The pier permit application for the “Kirill” property was discussed. Chairman McKeever felt the application meets the Harbor Ordinance criteria and did not see a problem with recommending to Planning Board. Ray Williamson asked how it affects the public access at Sherman’s Point and if it would cause any issues in the future. CEO Steve Wilson said that there is no conflict as the pier is over 100 ft from that area. Wilson stated that as presented to the committee now it meets the criteria’s set by the Harbor Ordinance. Wilson and Harbormaster Pixley had met and discussed the permit and could find no reason not to recommend the pier to Planning Board. Sid Lindsley told the committee that they wanted to make sure that all criteria’s were met, as the committee is responsible for anything from the “high water” mark and out. CEO Wilson said that the Planning Board would be scheduling a site review before making a decision and that if any

changes were to be done to the permit that the changes would need to come back to the Harbor Committee for recommendation before the Planning Board would be able to proceed with permit. Will Powers who is representing concerned citizens across the harbor from this property are concerned about their view shed and size of the boats that will be docked. The committee said that the depth of the water at mean low tide is 5 feet and this would limit size of the boats that could be docked. After much discussion and concerns, the following motion was made:

***“Ben Ellison motioned that the Harbor Committee recommend to the Planning Board and Select Board the approval of the Kirill pier project, as presented at this time, as it meets all the necessary criteria’s of the Harbor Ordinance.”***  
***Richard Stetson seconded motion. Passed 5-0.***

**5. DISCUSSION OF SALE AND PURCHASE OF THE “LIVELY LADY”:**

Withdrawn for discussion.

**6. DISCUSSION CONCERNING DAYSAILER’S DURING THE JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> SCHOONER RACES:**

Harbormaster Pixley has sent a letter to Dan Bookam at the chamber office to suggest having a “Daysailer Saturday” the first weekend of June. June does not have anything going on and would be a good time to incorporate a day to bring people into the harbor and town. He also asked what the committee thought would be acceptable for boats coming in during the “Windjammer Race” in July at the docks. They all agreed that dropping off and picking up passengers at the town landing would be as it always is and a first come first serve basis for the time allotted for this. They also said that “Steamboat Landing” would be another option for them to do this if congested at landing and did not want to wait.

## **7. SHORT-TERM IMPROVEMENT PLAN: GANGWAY AND FLOATS:**

With the bids for the marina improvements coming in lower than the amount that was allocated for this project, Chairman McKeever asked Town Manager Finnigan if they could have Gartley & Dorsky design a gangway and find what the cost would be for this, and she approved to do this. Harbormaster Pixley will meet with Gartley & Dorsky to have for next meeting.

At the end of the meeting, Ray Williamson addressed his frustration on the budget not being discussed in its entirety as he had some issues he would like to address with the committee. In the past the committee has discussed the budget line item by line item, however, this year when the Harbor Fee Schedule was approved for recommendation it was done based on the budget figure draft done by Harbormaster Pixley, which was able to be covered by the harbor fees to be collected. The committee had glanced at the proposed budget and felt that the budget met the amount the fees would generate. The fees were approved and recommended to the Select Board based on the budget draft. The budget has not gone to the Budget Committee yet and the Select Board has not made a final vote on budget until this process has been done. The Harbor Committee agreed to table the budget for the next meeting for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for **March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 a.m.** in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk