

**HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF
MAY 10, 2012**

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Gartley of Gartley & Dorsky.

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

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The final wording for the approved harbor memorial bench in memory of "J.C. Smith" presented to be approved.

Ray Williamson made to motion to approve the final wording and Sandy Welte seconded motion. Passed 5-0.

Harbormaster Pixley explained to the committee that the budget committee approved the operating budget for the harbor not the capital improvement budget. There was much discussion on how members felt the procedure of the capital improvement budget works or should work. The committee would like Finance Director, CarolSue Greenleaf and Town Manager, Pat Finnegan to attend the next meeting to explain and answer questions on the procedures of the budget and capital improvement monies.

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 1ST MINUTES:

Sandy Welte motioned to approve minutes as written. Ray Williamson seconded. Passed 5-0.

3. RECOMMENDATION OF WINDJAMMER AGREEMENTS:

The committee is not involved in the Windjammer agreements; therefore, no further discussion is needed. The agreements are strictly the responsibility of the Town and Select Board. Ray Williamson did explain to the committee the history of the 3-year agreements and the change to a 1-year agreement beginning this year.

4. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley discussed with the committee the billing of boat lengths to make sure we are billing for the correct lengths. He also, mentioned that in the future that we might want to charge a resident/non-resident fee for service and transient moorings. He also reported that he is having a difficult time finding released mooring sites that fit 30 ft. boats on the waiting list, which seem to be a large number of the list. He plans to rearrange some of the sites or when a person releases a site removing the mooring gear in order to utilize that space for these boats. The committee thought that this was good organizational methods. He reported that all floats are in at the harbor. He informed the committee of the 3rd Annual Harbor Start up Party on June 1st that will take place at the Public Landing.

5. PRIVATE DREDGE:

Harbormaster Pixley would like to schedule a meeting with Gary Neville of Army Corps to discuss the location of the Federal Project Zone and what needs to be done to prepare for the upcoming dredge project. He would like to find out if the boulder located by the "Mary Day" windjammer could be blasted out if it is included in the existing permit the upcoming harbor project. Richard Stetson was elected to work with the Harbormaster in obtaining this information.

6. GANGWAY & FLOAT IMPROVEMENT PLANS:

Will Gartley of Gartley & Dorsky addressed the committee in reference to the 55-foot piles that are unavailable for the harbor project. He explained that the "greenheart" piles that the bid specified is not available due to a shortage in construction and that there is a boat in Brazil that is half loaded and will not deliver piles until they have a full load and no one knows when this will be. Will had considered going with 44 ft piles in order to get the project started, however, after reviewing his drawings he does not feel comfortable doing this and does not recommend it. The project will need to be delayed until this fall or next spring. He plans to ask other contractors what they are using in place of the 55 ft piles to see if there is an alternative product that can be used. He will gather his information and pass it on to Harbormaster Pixley for the June meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for June 7th at 7:30 a.m. at the Camden Yacht Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk