

**Revised Minutes**

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF  
JANUARY 8, 2015  
MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Gene McKeever, Ben Ellison, Ray Williamson, Ben Cashen, Richard Stetson, Sandy Welte, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and Select Board Liaison Jim Heard. Steve Gold via phone.

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

**1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No discussion.

**2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES**

*Correction to Ben Ellison as Vice-Chairperson to Secretary on the minutes. Ray Williamson motioned to accept minutes with the correction. Ben Ellison seconded. Passed 5-0-0.*

**3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT**

Harbormaster Pixley reported that one of the concrete slabs at Steam Boat Landing got underneath one of the other ones and he had to lift it up and drag in out of way and put some rocks under it. Informed the committee that a notice has been included in the harbor billing this year to have site holders notify him if they are not using their sites for 2 weeks or more so that he can utilize the harbor to its fullest.

**4. REVIEW OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The committee discussed areas of the comprehensive plan that pertained to the harbor. Ben Ellison feels that the comprehensive plan has been overlooked along the way by the committee. Gene said we comply with the ordinance over the comprehensive plan. Ben Ellison wished the comprehensive plan did was indicate who the responsible lead committee is. Committee will discuss with the select board at their work group meeting on January 13, 2015. Ben Ellison will not be able to attend meeting, however, he will send a letter to board for the meeting. Ray Williamson suggested putting one item that concerns the harbor from the comprehensive plan each month on the harbor agenda for discussion instead of having one meeting a year to discuss as requested by the comprehensive plan and Chairperson McKeever was in agreement.

McKeever would also, like to see the harbor committee be a standing committee versus advisory.

5. **FISHERMEN HOIST/BOARDWALK**

Harbormaster Pixley, the fishermen, Town Manager Finnigan met with TYLin and it was decided no stub pier and the hoist would be completed as the fishermen recommended. Pixley said it was a very good meeting.

6. **FINGER FLOAT REPLACEMENT SYSTEM**

Harbormaster Pixley spoke with Will Gartley concerning the bid specs and Will said he was able to begin the process, however, he needed approval from Town Manager Pat Finnigan. Pixley met with Finnigan and was told the funds are not available at this time. The committee and Pixley are concerned about the safety of the floats and why no funds available. Chairman McKeever will email Finnigan the committee's feelings of safety and no funding of float system. ***Sandy Welte motioned for Chairman McKeever to email Finnigan on behalf of the committee their concerns of safety and funding of the float system. Ben Cashen seconded motion.***  
**Discussion:** Pixley told of removing the floats in the fall and having a few of them literally fell apart. ***Passed 5-0-0.***

7. **PIERS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Discuss at Select Board work group meeting on January 13, 2015.

8. **MEETING POLICY (Requested by Ben Ellison)**

Ben Ellison would like to hold monthly meetings on the normal date as long as the chairman, vice chairman, or secretary is available to run the meeting. Secondly, he feels we should consider rotating officers over the long term, as several other town committees do. Chairman McKeever has rescheduled meetings due to his absence, however, meetings have also, been rescheduled due to other committee members absences. McKeever will not be at the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9 a.m with the next meeting being scheduled for February 5, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk