

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF
MARCH 5, 2015
MEETING**

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Richmond.

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

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Richmond was assigned one side of the new inner harbor float that was put in the harbor last year which will accommodate up to a 26 foot vessel. Mr. Richmond requested from the committee a fee reduction due to the maximum vessel length of the other inner harbor floats being 42 feet compared to his 26 foot vessel maximum. The committee agreed to reduce the fee for this float to \$275.00 per side and will add this to the fee schedule next season.

Sandy Welte motioned to reduce the float fee to \$275.00 due to the float length maximum of 26 feet. Ray Williamson seconded motion. Passed 4-0-1. (Gene McKeever abstained)

Chairman McKeever addressed the committee on the subject of chairperson rotation that Ben Ellison has suggested to the committee. He is totally against this suggestion as each year a chairperson is voted in by the members and feels the continuity of the chairperson voted in is necessary as a lot of behind the scenes communication with Town Manager, committees, etc. is needed and changing of persons can be confusing. The committee absolutely agreed with the fact that the committee would be put in a position to lose continuity, experience, leadership, dedication, etc. by changing the current practice. It was agreed this would be an agenda item for the April meeting in order for Ben Ellison to be able to explain his suggestion to the committee.

2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 5, 2015 MINUTES

A couple of typo errors was pointed out by the committee and will be corrected.

Sandy Welte motioned to accept minutes with the corrections made. Richard Stetson seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Harbormaster Pixley will be attending the annual harbormaster's conference in Castine. A fisherman docking at the landing is becoming more popular during the winter. The fee charged is currently \$500 for the period of October 15th – May 1st. He plans to work to repair the finger floats in order to use for this season.

4. FISHERMEN HOIST/BOARDWALK

The fishermen hoist install will begin this spring.

5. FINGER FLOAT REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

Harbormaster Pixley will repair the floats for this season with the hopes of replacing them at some point.

6. PIERS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Chairman McKeever will be meeting with the Planning Board concerning the amendment change and encouraged all members to attend this meeting with him. He will notify members of the meeting date.

7. REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (Discuss public access per the plan's objectives)

No discussion

8. DISCUSSION OF COMMERCIAL PERMIT SITE REASSIGNMENTS

Some discussion on commercial permit site reassignments due to businesses being sold recently. Continue to discuss at April meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. with the next meeting being scheduled for April 2, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk