

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF  
APRIL 2, 2015  
MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Gene McKeever, Ben Ellison, Ray Williamson, Richard Stetson, Steve Gold, and Harbormaster Steve Pixley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

**1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman McKeever reported to the committee that both meetings before the Planning Board and Budget Committee went well. The Planning Board was very supportive of the recommended change to the harbor ordinance concerning piers. Steve Gold mentioned that we should state that municipal boat launch ramps should be mentioned as a permitted use, especially since we do say something about floats for municipal launching ramps. Steve Gold and Ben Ellison had other recommendations for language in the harbor ordinance concerning municipal piers and Chairperson McKeever suggested that they discuss the changes with Sandy Welte as he has been drafting suggested revisions to ordinance.

Steve Gold discussed with the committee the possibility of having a "Curtis Island Day" in which the general public would be invited to the island for tours and given general information about the island.

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

*Richard Stetson motioned to accept minutes with the correction being made to #2. "Approval of February 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes" not March 5<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Ray Williamson seconded motion. Passed 4-0-1. (Ben Ellison abstained due to absence from meeting)*

**3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT**

Harbormaster Pixley reported to committee that he is repairing finger floats and floats at Steamboat Landing in order to put in for this season. He also, is trying to organize a "small boat" celebration for either June 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> at the harbor during a time when there is not much activity. He is working with several people to award prizes, discounts on dockage, etc. The committee thought it was a great idea and Steve Gold thought that maybe it would be a good time to combine the "Curtis Island Day" with this event.

**4. FISHERMEN HOIST/BOARDWALK**

The hoist will be done this season. Pixley has received a call from Summit Engineering to schedule a time to install the pad for the hoist.

5. **FINGER FLOAT REPLACEMENT SYSTEM**

Discussion in Item #3.

6. **PIERS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

The committee did have concerns about the no municipal piers except at Steamboat Landing as they do not feel they should give up potential areas that they feel the Town has access to like Bay Road.

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

Chairperson McKeever will get copies regarding public access for next meeting.

8. **DISCUSSION OF COMMERCIAL PERMIT SITE REASSIGNMENTS**

Harbormaster Pixley reported that Wayfarer Marine has released seven (7) mooring sites they do not utilize any longer. The committee feels that there is an issue that needs to be addressed concerning "commercial" permit site reassignments. The discussion will continue at next meeting.

9. **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON & MEETING TIMES**

Chairperson McKeever addressed the committee concerning the suggestion made by Ben Ellison of rotation of the chairperson at meetings. He reiterated the fact that he normally is at all meetings with the exception of a very few that may need to be rescheduled do to scheduling conflict or lack of members being able to attend that particular meeting. He does not agree with rotating of chairperson for the reason of continuity. Steve Gold and Richard Stetson are not in favor of rotating chairman due to continuity. McKeever has made it clear that at any time they can vote him out as chairperson if they choose to do so.

"Ben Ellison feels that it is healthy to rotate the chairperson and other officers, perhaps every three years as is done by some other town committees. He feels it would give the committee more depth and durability if some members were learning to take on the leadership responsibilities and past leaders were serving as regular members. He also feels that the vice chairperson should be more involved with the behind-the-scenes work and information, if possible."

McKeever feels he reports to the committee completely anything that he has worked on between meetings. ***No change was made concerning rotation of chairperson.***

**The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene Libby, Harbor Clerk