

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF  
AUGUST 4, 2014  
MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Gene McKeever, Sandy Welte, Steve Gold, Ray Williamson (left @ 9), Ben Ellison, Richard Stetson, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and Select Board Liaison Jim Heard.

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** Willard Wight, Will Gartley (Gartley & Dorsky), and Sam Appleton

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

**1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Sandy Welte inquired about a float in Sherman's Cove that has a gazebo type tent on it and has had people asking him what it is. Harbormaster Pixley said that one on hot days that one of the fisherman does this in order to keep out of the sun while working. Harbormaster Pixley also, has had an inquiry by a property owner to be able to put a float in the outer harbor for their dinghy use, however, would make available for town use. This will be discussed at the "special" meeting scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>. Discussed complaints that have been made concerning an oversized dinghy owned by John Eastman that is obstructing other boats around the dinghy dock and requested that Pixley have this removed. Steve Gold asked if a policy should be considered for making money for profit off the docks and the committee feels not an issue.

**2. APPROVAL OF JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES:**

*Sandy Welte motioned to accept minutes as written. Ben Ellison seconded motion.  
Passed 5-0-0.*

**3. ROB/KAREN BRACE PIER PROJECT ON HARBOR ROAD:**

At the start of the discussion of recommending the Brace pier project Steve Gold presented to The committee and Will Gartley concerns he had with proceeding with the process as the State/Federal permits had not been submitted as needed before an application can be approved by the committee. Steve stated that the CEO needs to make sure all permits have been submitted before passing a pier request onto the harbor committee. The committee was in agreement with Steve's concerns and decided to hold a "special" meeting after the permits had been submitted for the State/Federal permits. Will Gartley stated that the permits were to go in the mail that day and he would notify the town when this happened. Will asked if there were any other questions that he should address before the "special" meeting and Steve Gold had several as follows;

1. Height of railing of gallows.
2. What is supporting the float?
3. No lighting is proposed, however, the design show it. Will said it had been changed to include low lights.
4. Gallows meant to be higher than 6' Will Gartley stated that they are and it was and after some discussion among the committee it was decided that gallows are not considered structures by accessories which are allowed. Also, Will said he could make them removable if need be.
5. Is stairs part of pier?

These concerns will be continued to be address at the "special" meeting if need.

4. **APPLICATION FOR MEMORIAL BENCH (BILL/COLLEEN HUCKABEE):**

The committee was unanimous in their vote to accept the application for a memorial Bench from Bill/colleen Huckabee and was pleased that they considered Camden a special place for them. ***Ben Ellison motioned to accept the application for the "Huckabee" bench. Sandy Welte seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.***

5. **WATERFRONT RESTAURANT WHARF EXPANSION:**

Sam Appleton addressed the committee requesting approval for an expansion to his Current wharf at his restaurant. After reviewing the design it was decided that the expansion was not beyond the harbor line and that the space is only filling in space that already exists, therefore, no approval was needed by the harbor committee. However the committee was in favor of the project without a vote.

6. **HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:**

Harbormaster Pixley reported that it has become very busy in a short amount of time.

7. **FISHERMEN HOIST/BOARDWALK:**

Chairperson McKeever reported to the meeting that he and Pixley had met with EDD Brian Hodges and TYLIN concerning the fishermen hoist among other things. Ty-Lin would like to have a stub on the hoist, however, the fishermen have voiced that they do not want a stub. The committee does not feel the harbor ordinance allows a stub. ***Ray Williamson made a motion for Chairperson McKeever to submit a letter on behalf of the committee to EDD Brian Hodges concerning the stub on the fishermen hoist as a conflict with the harbor ordinance and that the fishermen have submitted a design approved by all the fishermen with the recommendation of no "stub". Sandy Welte seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.***

8. **FINGER FLOAT SYSTEM REPLACEMENT:**

Chairperson McKeever and Pixley stated that Town Manager Pat Finnigan has stated the finger float system will be replaced due to safety reasons. Pixley has reconfigured

the current measurements of 6' X 16" to be longer in length with less hinges.

**9. INNER HARBOR FLOAT FOR SMALLER BOATS:**

The gear has been put into the water and is awaiting the float to be built and attached. A suggestion was made to possibly have an administrative policy or add an appendix to the harbor ordinance.

**10. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION (PIERS):**

An update on the status of the proposed public hearing requested of the select board by the committee was discussed. A public hearing date has as of this time not been scheduled by the select board and the committee wants to have this scheduled in order for the amendment to be on the November ballot. The committee is frustrated with the hearing not being scheduled in a timely manner. Chairman McKeever will follow up with the committee's request for him to do so on the status of this request.

The meeting adjourned with the ***next regular meeting being*** scheduled ***for September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Camden Yacht Club.*** A ***“special” meeting*** is scheduled ***for August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 a.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room*** with the agenda item being: **ROB/KAREN PIER PROJECT ON HARBOR ROAD.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene Libby  
Harbor Clerk