

CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2012 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gene McKeever, Richard Stetson, Ben Cashen, Ben Ellison, Harbormaster Steve Pixley, and Town Manager Patricia Finnigan, Select Board Member Jim Heard.

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

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

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ben Ellison gave an overview of the select board meeting he attended concerning the LPG Terminal in Searsport. He said that it was very informational for him. Jim Heard told the committee that the select board had submitted a letter in order to be part of the future meetings concerning this issue.

2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 7TH MINUTES:

Ben Cashen motioned to accept minutes as written. Ben Ellison seconded motion. Passed 4-0.

3. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley updated the committee on his rearranging of the mooring sites to make room for 36 foot boats versus 22 foot boats. He explained that he is finding it hard to fill 22 foot spot; therefore, he has a higher demand for 36-foot boats. He reported that the July 6th schooner races are scheduled and that the 3rd Annual Harbor Pot Luck was a success with many locals attending.

4. PRIVATE DREDGE:

Harbormaster Pixley has spoken with Elaine Neville to see what it would take to remove the boulders that are located at the "Schooner Mary Day" berthing site. Elaine thought it might be possible to roll the boulders into the deep hole that exists and that would solve this problem. Richard Stetson explained to the committee how the dredging process would work after speaking to Rick Burden.

5. GANGWAY & FLOAT IMPROVEMENTS:

Will Gartley presented the committee with a revised draft of the gangway with changes that had been suggested by the committee. He explained that the length would increase from 32 feet to 44 feet with a width of approximately 3 feet. Ben Cashen asked if it needed to be ADA compliant and Will said it was not necessary. The committee was concerned about the 3 feet width and asked that Will research a 4 feet width. The committee feels that the 4 feet width would be more beneficial and if it could be done than this would be the time to do it.

6. DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN:

Ben Ellison reported to the committee that he had attended the meeting concerning the plans. He felt that the meeting was overall a positive one. He said one of the concerns was the parking and that he learned a lot about what parking is beneficial such as: a street side parking is more beneficial than off street parking as you lose a lot of parking space by having to account for the lanes in off street. In addition, that angle parking is very beneficial as you gain additional parking space. Another area that was of concern was that the harbor should be used as more of a social area; however, Ben felt that the harbor does have a very social feel to it already.

The meeting adjourned at 8: 20 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for July 9, 2012 at the Camden Yacht Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby