

Harbor Commission Meeting: December 11, 2012, 6:30 P.M.

Present: Melissa Maker, Howard Edwards, Jr., Ed Glaser, Guy Polyblank, Louise MacLellan-Ruf, Samuel Ladley, Al Gourde, Richard Whitman

Absent: Captain Richard Spear

- **Guests:** None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Approval of minutes:** (apologies for them being last minute) LM motioned, HE seconded, all approved
- **Fish Pier Director's Report:**
 - Four people attended the last advisory meeting on 11/30/12 which constituted a quorum so all minutes were approved back to 3/30/12.
 - Permits were due by 10:00 am on 11/30/12 – they were gone over at the meeting and agreed on the same ones as last year: Island Lobster Group (bought out by Atwoods); Glen Lawrence - Herring Carrier under 70'; Glen Robbins, Herring Carrier greater than 70'; New England Fish Co. (bait dealer).
 - Upper lot was discussed: open space/ideas generated to present to Harbor Commission – “Keep it as it is” is consensus as nowhere else serves the purpose. Advisory Board submits idea through Al to the Harbor Commission; they, in turn, submit ideas to the City Manager. Aesthetics seems to be the heart of the matter – rules and regulations need to be put in place to ensure users “respect the space.” All users need to be responsible for their own spaces – mowing, weed whacking, trash clean up, etc. Is it a management issue to enforce compliance? If they don't comply, they should be out of there and be billed for clean up. There should be new language in the January leases letting them know there will be consequences. All users should get a cover letter with lease explaining rule enforcement procedures – the offenders should get another letter telling them to come in and clean up their mess or risk losing their space.
 - Roger Hodgkins (F/V Ranger) hasn't paid his fees. The City Attorney has been notified. He owes \$404.73 and must pay by 1/1/13.
 - Dredging discussion: get the process going? Start looking for grant money – permits should be in place first as it is a slow process. (Prock may have history of what was dredged in the past and how long the permit process may be.) Testing vs. maintenance dredging - only 2 to 3 feet needed (less costly). If it is dredged, the acting City Manager at the time (Tom Luttrell) said no more sand/snow would be dumped at the site.
 - The next meeting will be 1/25/13. No meeting in December.
 - Al will get together with the City Manager to go over what was discussed.

➤ **Harbor Master's Report**

- Yacht Club Launch Service proposed. They would like to establish a 12-person water taxi service. Seems they may be unrealistic as to costs involved. Requires a lot of time and work – 12 hours a day/7 days a week. Question as to how (if it is realized) it will affect Captain George Marks' service. George is likely to be offended, harbormaster will have to manage an irate launch operator and there's a possibility of two launches showing up at the same time. Harbormaster can't show favor.
- O'Hara Lift: application/plans attached. To be located at North End Shipyard – currently a float where they're planning on putting the lift – they are in support of the proposal (North End Shipyard).
- Ramp at Public Landing: \$15,000 left over from Big Project. Ed contacted Lyman/Morse – cost would be \$4,000 to add 15' to the end of the ramp or \$6,000 to build a whole new (longer) ramp with a new attachment to the pier. Still waiting on cost of electricity/lights. State may want the money back but they've asked what we'd do with the money and may let it be used for the ramp. All thought \$6,000 for a new ramp would be the best way to go – if it is a \$6,000 project it will go out to bid.
- Breakwater Portable Toilets: Connie Russell from the Samoset called Ed as they will no longer allow us to keep portable toilets on the Samoset property. A mini golf is planned for the area we once used. They are very much needed (and used) at this location so a solution will need to be found. The risk of offending Jameson Point residents is great. Ed says the City Manager has agreed to take care of the issue.

➤ **Applications (Middle Pier)**

- Morning in Maine and Captain Jack – same as usual, Ed is also expecting George Marks at some point. No Captain Remick yet (which is a good thing). There is interest from Mike York (towboat operator).
- Motion made by Louise to approve applications, seconded by Howie. All in favor.

➤ **New Business**

- Melissa mentioned that some community members would like to attend the next meeting and chat about cruise ships - numbers of them in the harbor, impact, etc. They are likely to request experts on the subject, either found by them or us – they are currently an unorganized group. Everyone's okay with them coming... agreed to apprise Chamber of Commerce that they're coming should they also want to attend – Louise stated FOR THE RECORD: Chamber is ALWAYS invited to attend Harbor Management Committee meetings.
- Appointments to committee (Howard, Richard W. and Melissa's terms are up at the end of this year.) Ed stated that one has to let the Council know if one wants to be considered for re-appointment. A letter stating this should have been received by the members whose terms are expiring. Richard Whitman didn't get a letter and will check with the City Clerk about it. Questions arose

as to new conditions with appointments – must apply and attend a training workshop. Others whose appointments were expiring were re-appointed at 12/10/12 Council Meeting but this commission was excluded.

➤ **Adjourned: 7:45 PM**

Submitted by Sandy Billington