

Harbor Commission Minutes: January 8, 2013 6:30 PM

- *Present:* Louise MacLellan, Guy Polyblank, Howie Edwards, Captain Richard Spear, Richard Whitman, Al Gourde, Ed Glaser, Sam Ladley
- *Absent:* Melissa Maker
- *Welcome/Introductions:* None needed
- *Public comment:* No one present
- *Approval of minutes:* Motioned by Sam, Captain Spear seconded, all approved.
- *Fish Pier Director's Report:*
  - Lots permits (6 month time frame now) mailed out. Inspections will be done 30 days prior to end of permit – no new permits will be issued if lots are not “up to snuff.” Permits are due back, signed, by the 15<sup>th</sup>. (They don't often come back without notification). If not returned by June 1<sup>st</sup>, no permit will be issued. It has to be on file. They will be notified by letter (roughly ½ come back and ½ need Al to get after them.) Louise asked if there was any competition for lots. Al replied that some people want two lots so they'll have more room to stack and work.
  - The same pier users as last year – Island Lobster Group (Atwoods) – New England Fish Company people met with Al – they have until the end of February to clean out the lot and move everything out. If not, someone else will come in and haul it out for them (and cut it all up). It would be good to get a lobster buyer in there who will actually buy the lobsters and use the fuel – good competition.
  - Storms: One sash problem - broke the inside pane in the Fish Pier office – building shifted. A new pane will be needed in the spring.
  - Crane and driver coming in 1/9/13 for Western Sea to haul out camels – protecting the pier from Western Sea damage.
- *Harbormaster's Report: (Ed)*
  - Holland Cruise Line's *Eurodam* – 900'+, 2100 passengers has tentatively planned a visit to Rockland in October of 2014. By 2014 the fee will be \$7.00 per passenger or about \$14,000. Ed will pass along information as he receives it since the visit is so far out.
  - There will be a “polar plunge” at Snow Marine Park on 2/9/13. Permissions are not needed.
  - Ed met with the folks from Maine Boats, Homes and Harbors about this being the last year of their long term lease on the Black Pearl floats. They are looking into the possibility of attaching an 80' ramp to the Public Landing for the duration of their festival. The ramp company may “lend” it in exchange for visibility at the show. Questions include what type of permissions may be needed, etc. There is no known application for this type of thing, but it should be run by the Code Officer and the Council and City Manager should sign off on it. Float installers would put it in.

- Farmer's Market: Oyster River Winery would like to be able to sell closed bottles of wine. City Ordinance preventing the sale of alcohol but it is allowed under State law. An ordinance amendment allowing closed bottle sales on City property will be coming up to the Council in 1<sup>st</sup> reading at February meeting.  
Discussion of Farmer's Market: Not what it used to be – was non-commercial however it's now all commercial entities – upscale products rather than a "farmer's" market. Target market has changed. How does it affect Main Street businesses – "no rent" market – Vendors do apply every year and are charged \$300 for the year. The market doesn't close the area to the public, rather it brings people in. Idea: a City-sponsored "craft fair" on cruise ship days to keep people in town with a small fee (\$50) to participate.
- Dredging Permit: Nothing has been found for the Fish Pier yet. Ed will talk to Prock and see what they have for paperwork – rules/changes/grand-fathering. Aiming to keep costs down, get prices (Grant application process – City can't afford it). Some become part of Transportation Bonds which don't go anywhere. Ed will look into it. (Ed Mazurek/Marine Resources Committee)
- *Old Business:*
  - Dumping Snow: Louise M. asked about the City dumping snow into the harbor after the storm. After the Fish Pier is dredged, the Harbor Commission has been told this will stop. Ed suggests sitting down with the City Manager and letting him know what the Commission desires. It was mentioned that the DEP was present to witness the dumping. Ed will bring this up at the next City Manager's meeting (scheduled for 1/15/13 – changed to 1/16/13). Should be part of the Public Works budget to clean up what they've dumped in. The cost to remove what's been dumped (sand/salt/fresh water/polluted goo) along with the damage incurred to the Pier is greater than the cost of dumping elsewhere (LM).
  - Dale O'Neil – *not happy with his current spot (Maine Coast Petroleum) – brought up by Howie E. Perhaps he could relocate to the spot previously held by the McLoon. Likes to have his trucks in a locked up area as he uses them to store his products. Ed will invite him to a Harbor Commission meeting to entertain a long term lease agreement at the Fish Pier.*
- *New Business:* None
- *Applications:* Friendship Sloop Days will be 7/13/13 – 7/20/13. 125 people expected. Will not close access to the Park. Captain Spear motioned to approve, Sam seconded; all approved.
- *Adjourn:* 7:35 PM