

No public comment

Error the way the meeting was run... not expelled from voting until the council tells you so...  
(Howie) Told by a former mayor... Ed was wrong – duly noted.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

### **Fish Pier Report**

- January 25<sup>th</sup> advisory board meeting – Richard Whitman and Al Gourde attended...nobody else present.
- Discussed in general what was going on for December and beginning of January – all permits issued out a couple didn't come back but all in place now– signed and returned...went to six month permit – next July 1<sup>st</sup> – inspections done before permits handed out...no complaints received. Some people haven't paid for first six months yet... everybody in agreement and picking up their plots.
- New England Fish Company came and cleaned out all the pallets. All cleaned up.
- Robert Hodgkins last year didn't pay permit – issued a letter to remove his gear or we would impound it..given fair notice. Time went by waited another week then together with public works lugged 314 traps and stuck them in the impound lot. Haven't heard from him yet. Other fisherman want to buy them....Took an hour to get the forks on the bucket loaders, pallets, flatbed...cold weather....Usually in the winter, won't hear from them to spring...living in West Rockport right now...Worked at composites in industrial park last year. Go ahead given by the city attorney then waited another week to be sure.... Can't do anything with gear for a year – he has the opportunity to come and pay his debt...Maine state law changed from 6 mos. to a year...public notice...then it can be sold.
- Since our meeting one cooler removed from upper lot...pw cleaned out lot for tractor trailer in there to clean out other coolers 8 x 40 8x 20 box truck – emptying out and carting it off....miscellaneous heap of contents...Taking to business in south Portland and sorting it out down there (new England fish company)... they have until the 28<sup>th</sup> to remove all their stuff and they're working right on it so he thinks it'll all be cleared out by then.  
Still pending..attorney filed complaint against him personally sold before bankruptcy...company was old money that bought them...that was their payment....money owed for bait they bought... All we got out of them was their \$2500 deposit which was used to clean up the pier of all the trash and stuff left behind. (maybe deposit should have been higher – not covering it on bigger operations...) Discourages anyone else from coming in there.
- Another lobster buyer has come in and put a deposit down – Thompson Lobster from Vinalhaven
- ... same people who had it before – but went separate ways – Atwood bought out Thompson...new company...looking for a boat...from what Al's heard they're not going to buy lobsters at the pier but Atwoods might...still trying to work that in..
- Jim Parker would like to be on advisory board...came to see him again...told him he'd let him know...don't have Greg Bickford, or Chad show up anymore – no advisory board organization really...no guidelines....22<sup>nd</sup> of this month is next meeting – he can bring it up? Need chair, coordination person....
- Deposit in hand..permit not returned yet...but won't get deposit back (not sure who talking about)

That's it from Al... not quite....

- Grant thing...not brought up to City Manager...last Wed Harbor Master forwarded an email from Dan Stewart – ship grant person - might be money available from inland fish and game or wildlife...millions of dollars...Hurricane Sandy money...piece of the pie...11:00 by last Thursday due...(upper lot stuff?? ) reworded it to coincide with flood plain and fired it off and he said he liked it and would put it on his list. Should be here within the next 6 months... Way to go Al!

### **Dredging/Dumping Segway**

- Dredging pier – Gary Neville at Prock said he can't find when they last dredged – outside of ten years doesn't matter; have to get new permit anyway...depending on how far out we want to go - where dumping it – inland or offshore? (sand).... Could get down to boat parts, etc... they can dredge from on the pier depending on how far out we want to go.... Holding pen to let it drain on the pier...might work out...a lot to it...
- First part – what do we want to dredge how much we want to dredge before we even go for a permit and all that other stuff...hire a surveyor next...(marine) on a one foot level...outside channel the rest of it's 10 feet or so...one foot level will give us good detail for a topographic map...fish pier survey of area too if interested in that too....may still be state money available if we match – under their heading, that kind of grant...then we can say this is what we want to dredge....how deep, where, why do we want to...
- Fish pier advisory board would have some input into that....
- Question of how far out? A certain distance - the survey is the first part... discussion of how surveying is done...The last time is unknown – how much changed can't be known....laws change a lot...almost weekly...have to deal with the rules they have now...If we are serious – at least get estimates on the survey – see if we can get the state to help pay for that survey...
- Have we approached Public Works about their culpability in dumping all the sand...?? Question posed. Depends on many generations of City Managers.... Philosophy prevails that the fish pier is saving the city money by letting them dump there - no answer from James...buck keeps getting passed to each City Manager. Permit is five years and they keep renewing it and they don't send it to Ed anymore when it's time to renew it...important to remember what the permit was...simple straightforward permit..short and concise..says exactly where it comes from and has to be documented..have them bring the DEP documentation to the next meeting... specific area dock only supposedly....
- Still needs to be a contingency plan for all the snow being dumped...fresh water, salt, sand – creates an environmental dead spot....DEP has been down and checked out the pier and said it all checked out but there was no snow when they came....
- Store snow at new public works building... save the sand...DEP problem – the new philosophy is anything goes right now...underfunded, lack of manpower, been told not to stop any projects...
- Talk to advisory next week and see if we can figure out how much it'll cost....see if new community development person (John Holden) can address it.
- List of concerns for not just dredging but dumping too...people need to hear the facts – not an easy fix...Isn't saving the city that much money in the long run....won't stop Louise from bringing it up.... Educate city manager – damage to the pier, environmental, boats (navigating around the icebergs)...

### **Harbormaster Report**

- Has received two requests to rent Harbor Park for the weekend... both are musical events – but no specifics...called on the phone and wondered what was available...one more specific - one general...something like blues festival – the other was a Christian rock thing in the park doesn't want to charge money wants as many people as possible...didn't want to rent the park when the \$\$ was brought up...Saturday afternoon on the stage then...brings people into the park...good thing...

No specifics from the other woman....she mentioned Bangor's waterfront concerts....don't think they'll be happening anytime soon – too much lead time involved – county singer discussion ensued.

- Middle Pier – application for food vendor....simple one/allowed to have two vendors....doesn't have to be approved. Captain Jack's lobster shack – a little different – would like to put it at the end of the park down by the wooden boardwalk and have picnic tables –don't want to go to the council – where the lobster cooker is now...he'd have to move it at his own expense if festival interference...if set up where not normally allowed....
- No official application but the motor scooter people want to come back next year (said he made \$46). One guy this year...retired..likes to hang out and talk to people...same fee...\$500....idea: needs a map to give out to people...area interests and how long it'll take to get there, etc.
- Submerged lands application from O'Hara. Lease per existing structure –only two weeks to comment on it...applied for the new boat hauling thing...need submerged lands lease...discussion of map – federal channel...wrote back to them, great except that they didn't draw the federal channel on it which they have to do by law. Said they didn't know that....Open up again for comment – Who's responsible for this – been in for the last five years...Submerged land lease – don't think they're supposed to be in the federal channel..we don't have local rules to govern this...state laws, up to you guys to protect the channels...possible they'll be asked to move it – turn it parallel to the dock – doesn't even show boats...May have stirred up some trouble....federal channel left out on purpose....Letter sent...
- Yacht club lease/tender usage: Still doesn't have lease with the city – current manager changed it some more – wanted the old lease...should have renewed before it ran out... increased to \$4,500 per year vs. \$3,000 when it started... yacht club trying to add a launch service – can't run it off public landing 1. Already have customer running launch service \$1250 suggested they put it in the lease – competing on an even level then. Public land - Cruise ships are temporary....if they apply for it, we can probably accommodate them on the public landing. They think they'd be a better representative than George Marks – also negotiating with apprentice shop to move headquarters over there...no idea where they'll end up...we can make it work if they renegotiate the lease...up to them to decide what they want to do...only need to give one month's notice if they want to break lease.
- Applications: (two)
  1. Maine lobster festival – 14 days ....nobody has a calendar...First weekend in August – 7/24 to 8/6 (Wed to Tuesday)...why so long? Can change it to Thursday to Monday – then they'd have to go to Council. Takes a long time to set it up – volunteers....maybe it should only be three days long...but.... Honest that they're putting down 14 days when they usually don't say that... Not enough Rockland residents to have a member on the HM Commission like they used to. Might like to recommend 10 days.... Parks Department idea with this City Manager - public works with the REC department does the mowing, weed whacking stuff – did a lot more work to get the park ready this year...should be able to shorten time because of this. Motion made to accept and then talk to them....seconded - 4 in favor, 3 opposed.
  2. Two Toots application (middle pier) – launch boat – paid his deposit. Sent in application. Motioned and seconded – unanimous acceptance.

Adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Transcribed by Sandy Billington