

Present: Melissa Maker (Chair), Richard Whitman, Howie Edwards, Sam Ladley, Ed Glaser
Absent: Joe Auciello, Guy Polyblank, Captain Richard Spear

November minutes approved.

Fish Pier Report:

Richard Whitman

Diesel Tanks – no more gasoline at the pier. All pallets are gone. The stand-up wheeled cooler will be gone, replaced with the type that lay on the ground. The Chinese gentleman is happy at the pier and committed: 2,000 crates (180,000 lbs) shipped to Hong Kong in one shipment. The Island Lobster Group is selling to him. He pays cash and \$.50 higher than others – he's good for competition. Pilings to be replaced next year from the budget (AI) – bond in next year's election cycle looking for one million dollars for such repairs. Eastport was ready to be fixed but a little too late. The grant is all set for dredging, waiting on a call from the DEP. The bait seller has moved out for the winter. With the pallets gone, it's looking good at the Fish Pier.

Harbormaster's Report:

- Draft of 2016 budget will be provided at the next meeting. We've exceeded income numbers on all lines – it's been a good year with more anticipated next year! \$50,000 with \$20,000 for Port Development Reserve Account – put more into pilings and maintenance line to help fund pilings at the middle pier. Fish Pier has its own budget. Port Development Fund will have quite a bit of money in it.
- August storm: Still arguing with insurance company – research going on – Knight Marine mooring 16 – had 15 inspected – may have slipped through and been rented - \$20,000 repair total).
- Maine Boats, Homes and Harbors Show would like to move a week later in August – Question whether or not to leave Port O Potties in park for the next week. Unless it's really necessary, this commission would be against that as they take up parking spaces, etc. and lose the weekend in between.
- Annual mooring permits being redone. Proof of insurance (due in March) has to be sent in and it has been.

New Business:

- Fishermen's Memorial – Interest in creating one with names of lives lost. Idea brought forward by girlfriend of one of two fishermen who lost their lives when a lobster boat went down off Matinicus. Questions – what should it look like, where should it be placed? Who should design it? How far back should it go? All agreed it is a good idea. Parks Commission should be included in discussion. City Council should be asked for a Design Committee with representatives from Parks, Harbor, Arts, etc. Buoy park makes sense – stable area and already sort of a memorial space. Other questions – checking with Historical Society for name input and including commercial fishermen and names by request – what region would it cover/what area?

Applications

- Internet Cat Video Festival and Fair – Farnsworth Museum. August 22nd or rain date of August 23rd. Low impact/no fees charged.

Howie motioned to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Sam seconded. All approved.

Submitted by,
Sandy Billington