

Harbor Commission Meeting

Date: 3/17/15

Present: Melissa Maker (Chair), Sam Ladley, Guy Polyblank, Ed Glaser (Harbormaster)

Absent: Joe Auciello, Howie Edwards, Richard Whitman

Guests: Malcolm and Jillian Bedell, Louse MacLellan-Ruf, Jim Chaousis

No minutes to approve. No quorum at this meeting. Notes are for informational purposes only.

New Business:

Malcolm and Jillian Bedell attended the meeting to promote their new food truck venture which will require an ordinance change to allow three vendors in Buoy Park. Louise MacLellan-Ruf came along as she is the Council sponsor of the change. It's been agreed that three vendors will fit in the same place as two had the previous year. Malcom and Jillian's truck is an 8' x 10' fire engine red trailer with all safety features in place and is reported to be completely self-contained (even the drink cooler). They anticipate offering three sandwiches, a vegetarian option (such as a roasted beet Rubeen) and a rotating grilled cheese variation. The Harbor Management Commission has been asked to make a recommendation to Council – and the consensus is they're all for it. (no vote taken)

Port District:

Lermond Cove floats – ice in the cove, bubbler shorted out causing more ice to build up against the schooners resulting in two bent over pilings. Ice damage appears not to be covered by insurance. Pilings will need to be moved and reset.

It was mentioned that Port District member Doug Curtis has recently passed away and that Ed is now an “old timer.”

Coast Guard:

New rules are being proposed to change the responsibility of security checking every cruise ship passenger from the ship to the port facility. Many are open facilities making this a difficult task. Changing a few words around would keep it part of the cruise ship's responsibilities as it is now. Other new rules proposed include a four day notice requirement when a ship is coming in to port – question is, to what size ship does this apply?

Whisker Walk & Internet Cat Video Festival:

Whisker Walk is in the oval at the Public Landing. To be held September 12, 2015 from 8 AM to 3 PM. Not to be confused with the Internet Cat Video Festival which is the evening of 8/22/15. Neither charges admission nor restricts access to the landing.

Friendship Sloop and Windjammer Races:

Friendship Sloop days will be at Jim Sharpe's side of the harbor with a lobster bake following. They use the Public Landing for boat mooring but not the park so much. Windjammer Race will end in Rockland (July 3rd) – they would like to come in to the Public Landing – some staying overnight – may also use Trident's facility as well.

Old Business:

Fisherman's Memorial – what/where/when. Still need a date to meet and determining all interested parties – nothing set up yet.

New Business:

Alcohol Policy for Park. Ex. Rockport's rules.

No alcohol allowed on City property now. Council would like it looked at. (Yacht Club can have alcohol inside – they share the harbormaster building – sort of an odd dichotomy) How does the Harbor Management Commission feel?

Applications:

Lobster Festival – Parade fee waiver granted by Council. Looking at 7/22/15 – 8/4/15. No quorum to vote. No waiver given last year (for Park use).