

Harbor Commission Meeting

Date: 6/16/15

Present: Melissa Maker (Chair), Howie Edwards, Guy Polyblank, Richard Whitman, Sam Ladley, Joe Auciello

Guest: Christos Calivas, prospective Commission member

Minutes approved from May 19th meeting. Mr. Ladley motioned, Mr. Polyblank seconded; all approved.

Fish Pier:

It's getting going. Almost zero on low side (dredging) – no open spaces for buyer. Chinese buyer is the only one – others are transport only – and 2 herring boats. Double Eagle is pumping fish this year. Fee increase proposal across the board (\$20,000 increase result for year) looked over by AI and seems reasonable. Projects for the fall include \$400,000 from DOT for new concrete surface, two \$40,000 hoists, electrical and dredging, bonded funds for the rest, \$40,000 in reserve already.

Harbormaster:

(In absentia) Gangway ribbon cutting was held – 25 to 30 people attended including some old harbormasters. Ken Rich cut the ribbon – first harbormaster.

Budget:

Proposed increases – large cruise ship cost (\$7 - \$8 per head – shared 50%). Small boat charter fees decrease? Needs clarification. Electrical cost jump – why? Sam wondered about low use rate vs. high use rate.

New Business:

Chris is visiting, recommended to fill vacancy on HMC (appointed by Mayor). He's concerned about what's happening on the waterfront in Rockland and willing to give what he has to offer.

Submitted by Sandy Billington