

Present: Joe Auciello (Acting Chair), Captain Spear, Sam Ladley, Richard Whitman, Guy Polyblank, Ed Glaser, Howie Edwards, Councilor Eric Hebert (guest)

Minutes approved from last meeting.

Public Comment: (Councilor Eric Hebert) Fees from Harbor Park Festivals (no waivers) added \$14,000 to line item for Harbor & Waterfront and reallocation of cruise ship fees (more to Port and less to General Fund) will provide more funds for harbor projects – take the harbor rental fee and set it aside as a reserve fund for redesign projects at Harbor Park. Park renters would feel better knowing the money was going to fund Park redevelopment – should a new reserve account for Harbor Park redevelopment be established as a separate account? Cruise ship fees would go into regular reserve account and Harbor Park rental fees should be used solely for Harbor Park improvements. The Council is looking for feedback. Guy questioned the desire of future Councils - might fees be again waived? Eric believes this year's vote sets a precedent going forward. If fees were waived, fee order could be waived to keep money available if needed.

Harbor Park fees currently go into the General Fund. Lobster Festival folks would feel better if the fees went specifically to Harbor Park Redevelopment Plan. Two questions on which the Council would like feedback:

- 1.) General Fund vs. Reserve Fund and
- 2.) Which Reserve?

Fish Pier Report: Al's on vacation. Richard reports busy – every spot leased – new buyer from China (exports to China and pays cash) and a new bait dealer, who has built a bait machine. Parking is more of an issue this year with the extra coolers. Charging for tying up to floats – Al's job. Hoping new buyer will drive up prices.

Harbormaster's Report: MV Monhegan still sitting on mooring (in the middle of the boat races even) – still unknown if a will existed for Mr. Remmick. The City has an interest in making sure it doesn't sink on its mooring. Petitioning Probate to move it along. Working with City Attorney. Liability if it sinks.

Cruise Ship Fees status – more money set aside in Port Development funds – current Council should go along with it. 2015 – 5 cruise ships with 2,000 people each = more money in that fund.

Snow Marine Park walkthrough – buffer zone, how much can be done – shoreland zone and new flood plain goes to bottom of hill – wetland question. Outer ring is already raised. Governed for uses as well. Side note: Harbor is being tested by DEP – runoff – wastewater plant; Snow Marine Park – drain pipe, only place that tested high for bacteria – just the park draining? Dog waste?

Friday night storm (June 13) brought 20 knot winds/easterly. One boat sank at its mooring – expensive picnic boat – by the Pearl restaurant. Potential for oil spill threat? Coast Guard ignored calls. Ed called for help. Float drifting around harbor – 20' – Coast Guard called and had Ed go get it.

Return to Lobster Festival fee discussion: All see it as an advantage to be in a designated fund for Harbor Park only that should enable moving forward on Park work. Motion made to set up separate fund for Harbor Park Development. All in favor. Ed will write a letter to Council.

Howie motioned to adjourn at 7:30 PM

Sandy Billington