

Present: Captain Richard Spear, Guy Polyblank, Howard Edwards, Jr., Ed Glaser, Richard Whitman, Sam Ladley, Melissa Maker (Chair), Joe Auciello (new member),

Minutes approved from last meeting.

Fish Pier Director's Report: (Richard Whitman)

Nothing new. No meetings scheduled. Perhaps this month (April).

Harbormaster's Report: (Ed Glaser)

Star letter – Coastal Flood Maps – meeting info in packet. Preliminary maps will be shown and there will be comments by public. This has already been seen in southern Maine. We're next in line. Flood insurance pool is broke, hence the increase in premiums – may be rescinded by Congress.

Stuart Smith proposal (approval by Planning Board) – No "acts" required. Discussion of area.

Three applicants for vendors in Buoy Park (only two spaces). Seafood, Vietnamese, and burger place proposed. No fight anticipated. Buoy Park is in Tillson Overlay Zone – may not meet standards? In W2 zone – within 75' of water, doesn't need to meet the standard.

Public Landing – Drew up electronic drawings - \$15,000 for beginning engineering project - \$100,000 with permits to see it through the engineering stage – then \$1.2 million to build a new public landing. (Boardwalk Grant application turned down at this point.)

"Pearl Mist" – American Cruise Lines – 315'/210 passengers needs secure facility as it's foreign flagged – too big to moor at Public Landing – October 9th wants to come to Rockland. Sure! Boston to Quebec (16 day RT). Deep hull.

Dale O'Neill question... Don't know where it stands. Not pursued since City Manager Smith left.

Eagle coming for Lobster Festival. No word from the Navy yet.

Maine Lobster Festival: application not granted a fee waiver by the Harbor Commission. Will go to City Council directly. They know that. We grant them permission to use the park (for nearly three weeks!) Three Councilors may say "no" this time – may request they give something to the City. The Harbor Commission will recommend to Council that the Lobster Festival pay the fee. Chuck Kruger is the new chair for the Festival. Motion made by H.E., seconded by J.A., all in favor to accept and require payment of fees.

Planning Grant for Snow Marine Park: Baker Design and Engineering got the two part award – 1. Ramp; 2. Snow Park usage and building looked at for possibilities. What makes sense for the area? Meetings to be scheduled in the next month or so with Harbor Management, Harbor Trail and Parks Commission all to be invited.

Longer ramp at Public Landing: ADA Compliant 80' ramp – bump out on side of Public Landing. Going out to bid soon – working with the City Attorney for a design/build RFP – emphasis on build – There is no City Engineer and we end up paying a lot for engineering services. ADA is enforced through lawsuit. Do it right w/Engineer per Ed. (Engineers, however, have had a pretty poor track record lately...)

Snow Park Building – RFP directly? Slowed down – perhaps wait for design with ramp, etc. Also waiting for estimate on cost from WWTF for direct hook up to sewer line. (Was previously connected to Jim Sharp's treatment/pump...)

Cruise Ship Fees (revisit) – Consider increasing each time as well as the distribution of funds. Currently \$2.00 per passenger to Harbor and \$5.00 to City - \$7.00 total. Won't go into effect until two years out due to contracts. Could vote to change distribution for next year with the same fee - \$4.00 to Harbor, \$3.00 to City. If we want to raise fees for 2016 we need to plan now. Bar Harbor breaks up their fees a lot – many little departments. Money for Public Landing Rebuild – all \$\$ might go to that? Two part recommendation – reallocate amounts (immediately) and then for 2016 raise fee to \$8.00 per passenger and split 50/50 from then on. We have to present idea to City Council as a recommendation: Change fee schedule and 2016 increase. Motion made by J.A. to ask Council for \$3.00 to Port Development and increase fee by \$1.00 per passenger in 2016 and split the fee with the City. Seconded by S.L.; all in favor.

Next meeting will be April 22nd.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Accepted.

Submitted by Sandy Billington