

Present: Howard Edwards, Jr., Captain Richard Spear, Ed Glaser, Melissa Maker, Richard Whitman, Guy Polyblank

Absent: Sam Ladley, Louise MacLellan-Ruf

Minutes approved as presented by consent.

Fish Pier Director's Report: (Richard Whitman) – Not enough people for a meeting. Steel benches have been made for the hose reels to get them off the ground (to save the reels). Melissa asked if anything was being voted on. Richard says no. One buyer on Fish Pier, only buys on the islands ... seems odd/collusion? Should be marketed better, maybe put it in the papers, etc. East side of Pier– Island Lobster Group – pretty stove up – might be willing to contribute some funds to help fix it. Bait company – have until the end of the year to move out trailers and broken floats.

#### Harbormaster's Report:

Maine Coast Petroleum at Fish Pier? City Manager hopes to have another buyer in spot – doesn't want to take the spot from fishermen. Should tell him it'll be beneficial – no one else wants that spot and at least it will be more year-round industry. Melissa will email him. Al's going to wait until Thanksgiving and see what else comes in.

Beggars Wharf – sold to Finlay Matheson, IV – owns Bicknell Building, etc. Real Estate investor – wants land, not floats – do we want them? Two are good looking – concrete topped – really nice and two are galvanized steel like at the Middle Pier. We should keep these – free is good. Just need to go get them. Council has to vote to accept them, then we can get them out of the water (sooner than later). The narrow ones should be given away.

WRDA Act – in front of Congress still – not going anywhere. Ed has a copy if anyone wants the link or a copy of it. Funding – Harbor Management trust fund – attempt to get \$\$ back to Army Corps of Engineers for dredging – Federal navigation projects. Extension of regular funding.

Seven Seas Navigator (400+ passenger, small, very high end) visited for the first time.

Melissa has been getting calls from the Owls Head lobstermen about losing traps and "suggested routes" (ships area) – shouldn't put traps there. We need to do an outreach to Owls Head fishermen.

#### Old business:

Cruise ship fees: need to increase (take to Council)?? Still cheapest in the Country per Melissa. We've gone up every year and the ships still come. Going up to \$7.00, a one dollar increase could mean a \$5.00 fee, \$2.00 for port development. Ours is a public facility so we have to publish our fees – no one else will tell you theirs. Harbormaster would like to see more money go into Port Development Fund (\$8.00/split \$4 and \$4). \$6,000 P.D.F. this year (-\$4800) – could be \$10,000+ in Port Development Fee. Should be used for matching grants if possible to get the most for the money. The \$8.00 fee proposal can be presented to Council at a Public Session from the Harbor Commission – can be anytime) When is the best time to ask? (ask Stuart or Tom)

#### Applications:

Same as always from Maine Boats, Homes and Harbors – more boats this year (filled in) Stacey Palmer will be the contact this year. They were happy. Application for 2014 approved by all.

Jim Sharpe wants to use the Sea Scouts building for kids to take sailing lessons – competition or conjunction with Atlantic Challenge community sailing? Step downward for the Apprentice Shop – Rockland is a maritime community! Harbor is our greatest asset!

Minutes need to be posted on website and copies to Councilors as this is a Commission!

Motion to adjourn: 7:40 PM.

Accepted.

Sandy Billington