

Harbor Commission Special Meeting

May 7, 2013

Present: Howard Edwards, Jr., Captain Richard Spear, Ed Glaser, James Smith, Melissa Maker, Richard Whitman

Guest: Charles Weidman (applicant)

Absent: Sam Ladley, Guy Polyblank, Louise MacLellan-Ruf

No minutes to approve.

Fish Pier Director's Report: (Richard)
Nothing to report...Met last Friday, May 3rd.

Harbormaster's Report:

Spring! Floats being rebuilt and installed (a little behind) – spring clean up – by the 15th they'll be in.

Boats are coming in now.

Independence – in every Tuesday evening and out Thursday morning.

American Glory – Starts 1st week in June – schedule is on Harbormaster's website.

Old Business: Further discussion, advisory vote on North End Channel

Brought up by City Council at Agenda Setting Meeting – they would like input from Harbor Commission

- Which businesses would it help (deauthorizing the channel)?
- How long does it take to change it? Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) for deauthorizing as opposed to passing bill through Congress etc. for expansion authorization.
- Is O'Hara getting fined? No – allowed a permit for a buffer zone...if not moved, then fined
- What's the issue? Two boats at one time – pump out as fast as possible.
- Doug Lee's position – no problem with it.
- Expanding Federal Channel is good for everyone: Timing issue – can't deauthorize until Channel done, etc.
- Recognize the status quo – no one has complained – They would be responsible for dredging.
- Change long term development – Would try to couple them as a united project – expansion and deauthorization.
- Why so much (area)? Come back with a plan for less.

Harbor Commission choices:

- No deauthorization
- Change it all together – Authorize expansion and deauthorize channel at same time – move forward with “channel project.”
- Long term strategy – can we leave it like it is while we work on the long term? Will he pay for dredging, cut down size request?
- If he takes minimal amount we can support limited deauthorization and in the same bill keep motivation to work on pursuit of dredging and opening up channel.

Resolve:

Leave as is or change wording? Suggested in the 3rd paragraph the word “may” be changed to “will” (... working waterfront will exist...)

Motion made by H.E. to adopt the resolve with the change in the 3rd paragraph. Seconded by R.S. All in favor.

New Business:

- Complaint made about speeding in the harbor – no wake zone. Speed buoys will be put out. The “no wake” zone can be enforced by anyone.

Applications:

- Charlie’s Marine Service – Middle Pier: Charlie Weidman (little orange vessel)
 - On demand passenger service (not a launch) and assistance towing
 - North side of dock where Monhegan was is available – 3 sets of floats (120’)
 - 6 or less passengers
 - Not starting until 10/1/13
 - Motion for approval by H.E., seconded by R.S. – All in favor.