

Present: Howard Edwards, Jr., Ed Glaser, Sam Ladley, Melissa Maker (Chair), Joe Auciello, Jim and Meg Sharp (guests)

Minutes approved from last meeting.

**Harbormaster's Report:** (Ed Glaser) (Jumping to new business)

Snow Park Building Joint Lease – Sea Scout Building – 4 or 5 letters have been sent to City over the past two and a half years by the Sharps expressing interest in the building. They came to the meeting to expedite the process. There will be a joint lease with the kayaking company (Mark Digirolamo). Captain Sharp plans to use building for small sailing and seamanship school – place to keep backpacks, etc. which will be open in summer and winter. Also it will provide a trailhead for the Harbor Trail (gazebo or what have you with information on the walk). They'll provide maintenance (they insulated the building four years ago) and have an office inside as well. Propose to pay \$400 per month in summer and maintain property (plowing and cutting grass) – 4 months – and have a reduced fee in the winter of \$100 per month. They will also put in public restrooms. Sam Ladley stated that this seems to be the perfect use for the building and they are in a position to best maintain it. Howie motioned to accept the offer for the first four months. This was seconded by Sam. All in favor. Recommend to Council. Melissa will write a letter to Council.

**Fish Pier Report:** Nothing to report, no Richard; may request that Al Gourde attend to have some sort of report.

**Harbormaster's Report:** M/V Monhegan out on a mooring. Two daughters and one son but no will (Ray passed away). Will go through probate. Don't want it to become an abandoned boat on a mooring. Court to be approached for value of boat – may be more than one lien on the boat. Admiralty lawyer has been hired by a gentleman from out of state.

WRDA legislation (Army Corp of Engineers) Joint Conference Committee

- funding for Army Corp for deauthorization of N.E. Channel for O'Hara.
- tax on cargo by ship – Harbor Trust Fund – billions of \$\$ - will give money back to Army Corp for small harbor improvement. Funds for dredging. Council waiting for the money behind it which should be there now. Council only voted for deauthorization but not the rest of the North Channel.

Extra Float? What to do with it? Two given to Lighthouse folks. One remaining – we'll try to sell it.

Waterline to docks – Harbormaster Office and Public Landing – 4" pipe, ½" water line – not enough water pressure at docks – needs a larger pipe going in, heavier hose.

Lobster Festival Fees – voted not to waive fees. Would like to see \$\$ invested in the Park – Park Reserve account (as opposed to general fund).

Cruise Ship Fees – recommendation to change fee math (\$5/\$3 split) – discussed and will be voted on separately as fee order. (2016 - \$8.00 fee) When will it be voted on? All fee orders voted on together – next budget adoption meeting (mid June). 2015 – 5 ships, 2,000 each = 10,000 – 2016 no one signed up yet.

Melissa mentioned hearing at an Angus King meeting that John Holden is asking for Rockland to be classified as Class A Port or Seasonal Class A Port. She would like the HMC to be aware of these things. It's a preapproval stage – customs facility manual – all new places – not a chance we'll meet the rules – incredible amount of rules and regulations accompany the classification. Transparency would be nice. Belfast, Eastport, Portland and Bar Harbor are Class A Ports.

How long will the infrastructure of the Public Landing last based on the number of cruise ship visitors? Need to be proactive.

Adjourned at 7:55 PM.  
Sandy Billington