

Harbor Commission Meeting

Date: 7/21/15

Present: Melissa Maker (Chair), Guy Polyblank, Richard Whitman, Sam Ladley, Ed Glaser

Absent: Howie Edwards, Joe Auciello

Guest: Cynthia Powell, V.P. Lobster Festival

Minutes approved from June meeting.

Guest:

Cynthia Powell attended the meeting to ask permission for gateway signs (7/29 -8/3) (per new ordinance). Richard suggested a line for same be added to the application in the future. The request was approved, all in favor.

Fish Pier:

Nothing new. Dredging surveyor done – 6’ dredge depth. (had been zero at low water).

Parking lot surface is getting worse and worse. Starlight Express broke down, towed over with line, not much of an issue, couple of complaint calls. One overnight okayed, after that they are supposed to be charged. Unsure if they were charged.

Harbormaster:

Nine new pilings are in at middle pier (need 20 or so) and straightened out piling at Snow Marine Park.

Navy Ship USS Tortuga/LSD – same as last few years, 600’ assault boat. Anchorage A – same as last year. A lot more traps are out there now due to late season. Arrives on Wednesday, July 29th at 8:00 AM.

Festival starts setting up on July 22.

Lobster Festival – food vendor relocating to Snow Marine park. Pho Sizzle will move off of grounds during the festival – would like to relocate to Snow park Wed – Sun. Not a permanent move. Is there a precedent? Email to be sent to City Manager and Code Office to double check.

Maine Boats and Harbors show – Middle Pier – Gathering of Boston Whalers – backside of middle pier (where the Monhegan was or by George Marks’ spot). Usually a commercial pier, how does the HMC feel about it? Ask people at the middle pier – if anyone says no, then no.

Budget: Fiscal 2016 Fee Order

\$25,000 - \$35,000 extra \$\$ made each year over the last five years – budgets conservatively.

This years’ budget is closer to what actually came in last year. Council wants this department to make more for the general fund.

- \$5.00 Electric fee questioned by Sam.
- Public facility – not locked like Trident or Camden so it costs a little less
- Bigger boats pay more on mooring permits
- Why are non-resident dinghy fees so high? Compared to local fee.
- Question about ramp by Pearl restaurant, kayak, hand launch beach
- Richard commended Ed’s budget. He’s seen a lot and Ed’s is best.

Harbor and Waterfront Fees suggested changes:

- Vessel mooring permits – Residents: change from \$60.00 to \$70.00 per year plus \$2 (up from \$1.75)per foot of designed mooring site exceeding 30’.
- Non-Residents: \$80.00 up to \$100.00, suggested increased further to \$140.00 for a 30’ vessel or less plus \$2 per foot as above.
- Rental and Service Moorings - \$1.75 to \$2.00 per foot when exceeding 30’.
- Private Use Docking: Overnight docking up from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per foot.
- Visiting Cruise ships – increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per foot, per day
- Public amenities – electricity up from \$2.00 per hour to \$5.00 per hour (rarely used)
- Commercial Vessel use of Municipal Piers Dockage Fees up from \$50.00 per foot to \$55.00 per foot per season
- Utilization of Municipal Waterfront Properties: Extra set-up days currently \$250 per day, Guy suggested increasing to \$400 per day.

Guy proposed acceptance of Fees with proposed changes and send along with HMC recommendation to Council. All in favor.

Sandy Billington