

Harbor Commission Minutes: November 13, 2012 6:30 PM (from tape)

- *Present:* Louise MacLellan, Guy Polyblank, Howie Edwards (acting Chair), Captain Richard Spear, Richard Whitman, Al Gourde, Ed Glaser
- *Absent:* Melissa Maker, Sam Ladley

- *Welcome/Introductions:* None needed

- *Public comment:* No one present

- *Fish Pier Director's Report:* (Al) Last meeting held on the 26th of October. One member showed up (Richard - by accident). Next meeting will be on the 30th of November. Advertisements for permits for next season for buyers/Herring Carriers have gone out – haven't received any of them back yet. They're all due in by 10:00 am on the 30th of November. Letters confirming they've got their permits have to be issued by the 14th of December. January 1 to December 31st permit span - always the calendar year. Proactive this year – went out to Oyster River Trap & Seafood – discussed how things worked for about an hour and invited him down – said he'd get back to me. Atwoods might be interested this year – meeting at 9:00 tomorrow am. Bought Island Lobster Group and I believe they're taking over that company. Need a large herring carrier and at least one buyer to stay operational...not cost the city any money. No complaints at the pier – same old battles – clean up! Taking bait to Vinalhaven – they don't like it (fussy)– throw it back on the boat and bring it back and then it's been out too long – might as well just throw it over on the way back...creates a lot of work. Not our problem though. No questions.

- *Approval of minutes:* Motioned – LM, Seconded – RS; unanimously approved

- *Harbormaster's Report:* (Ed)
Prock Marine – BIG Project – finished finally – all floats are down at Snow Marine Park all the pilings are in – everything fits and lines up – a little adjustment needed – they did what the plans called for - When the bid first came in it was more money than we had on hand – state stepped in with some more ship money for it – matched the rest of the money – 130,000 to 160,000 after done made some changes to contract – used treated pilings for the back up pilings – 16,000 less than the second bid – negotiating with state as to whether they want that money back or if we can have access to that money to fix our big ramp at the top or make it longer at the bottom or start running electricity down there. State can help pay for that – bids on that – go the next step with money available. Electrician/welder – bottom end lengthened out or lengthen top end out and change the way it attaches - at

the top it has a goose neck thing – ramp does a little jog (scares unfamiliar people). Discussion of ramp physics.
Depth of pilings question – 45' pilings down 25' - didn't hit anything. Big boat up to 20 knots is goal to be held. Not a lot going on in the harbor in general right now.

Santa Claus – two landings this year - One at middle pier with Coast Guard on the day after Thanksgiving – and a second “flying Santa” arriving by helicopter on Saturday after Thanksgiving (maybe – might be the first weekend in December) – Wanted to land in the parking lot by Trade Winds – police said “no” – So Buoy park chosen instead...both life flight landing approved spots...
(Lively discussion of credentials)

Hoping for nice weather – residing cupola on top of Harbormaster's building...
Sun, rain, wood had started to rot. Went to get a bid on painting it – said we'd have to replace the rotting wood at \$5,000 – so we're getting a head start ourselves using cement clapboards – pre-colored. Then we'll get another bid on painting it. Too much moisture to use real wood. Window discussion.

➤ *Old Business:*

Harbor ordinance revision and report to the city council – City Council voted in first reading to accept it as it was presented. 2nd meeting to approve it or amend it tomorrow night – I reminded them to have the Harbor management committee present to write an official note with what you have concerns with or not. 9.3.C part deleted – that's fine...permit dockage fees shall be established by council (we recommend them – they approve them- in Harbor legislation handbook). How they go about it is up to them – making it the same as all the others. Fish Pier discussion/storage uses...cleaning it up...pay for that area...need to sit down with the Pier Director to find a way to keep the area cleaner. Is this the best use of that piece of property? Then we need to find a way to keep it cleaner. Good time to start the conversation – get AI involved in the conversation too. Serious guidelines needed. Chain link fence issue – hard to clean around. Set up a meeting and get the City Manager down here to talk about it if it's enough of an issue. Louise will email Melissa the recommendations and have her send off a letter – remind the city council If they take it out of this section (9.3.c), the harbor management still wants to advise on any fees.

➤ *New Business:*

Expiring Terms and Re-appointments : Howie, Richard, Melissa – expiration is the end of December – 3 year terms. Remind Mayor – whomever wants to be re-appointed – stay on the commission if you want to.

Discussion: Permitting for the fish pier. Dredging discussion. Something to help reinforce the bottom. Depth for lobster boats by gas pumps... needs to be deep enough for any boat out there. Reclaim the area where it's falling apart – inner corner. Etc., etc. Priority? Dredging or permitting... affordable project – only a couple feet down. Still have the dump to do it. Get some engineering studies done so you can get the permitting. (Prock, Elaine Neville, engineering quote – TIF district – planning grant money from the State with match? – Ship grant money will pay for dredging.) Need to start pursuing it – decide which way we want to go. Problem # 1 – Boats can't get in there. Upper lot – trucks, boxes, etc. Good project to work on too. Al's reserve at the Fish Pier – money there - needs to be approved by Council. Pay for engineering study.

Homeless people on Sandy Beach this summer- more – due to bathroom and fresh water availability? Enforcement problem - not because there are facilities.

No more business. Motioned and accepted to adjourn.

➤ *Adjourn:* 7:25 PM