

Harbor Commission Meeting: October 9, 2012, 6:30 P.M.

Present: Melissa Maker, Howard Edwards, Jr., Richard Spear, Ed Glaser, Guy Polyblank, Louise MacLellan-Ruf, Samuel Ladley, Al Gourde

Guests: Leila Murphy; representative from Maine Boats, Homes and Harbors

Absent: Richard Whitman

➤ **Public Comment:** None

➤ **Applications:** (Taken out of turn)

A representative of Maine Boats, Homes and Harbors (Leila Murphy) attended to submit the application for the use of Buoy Park for the 2013 Maine Boats, Homes and Harbors show. She remarked that the sight has been fabulous and there are no significant changes to this year's application. They began set up on Tuesday this year which helped with traffic and parking but they understand that it depends on the Lobster Festival clean up schedule. It is beneficial to them to set up the big tents in the oval as soon as possible. They are not happy with park fee increases and will be sending David Getchell to voice their concerns at the City Council meeting.

- Park use application submitted
- Special Event application submitted

Both applications are in order per Ed Glaser.

Louise MacLellan-Ruf moved to accept applications, seconded by Richard Spear; all in favor; none opposed; motion approved.

➤ **Harbor Master's Report**

- Prock Marine

Gary Neville reports that the pilings are in, so Public Landing floats will be left in and work will begin on Monday, October 15 and should take two weeks to complete, weather permitting.

- Middle Pier float removal is dependent on the crane.
- Snow Park floats are left in a little longer but will be out by the beginning of November.
- MV Monhegan (Ray) will be moving to Lermond's Cove for the winter. He is "paid up."
- No one has inquired about using the Middle Pier next season.
- Ramp at Public Landing – Incident last week involving 175 people getting out of the busses all at once with the cruise ship folks set up at the bottom of the ramp rather than the top. This together with the rain and a minus low tide resulted in a less than ideal situation. The cruise ship safety people would like it to be addressed. Ideas include:
 - putting down indoor/outdoor carpet
 - extending the ramp 10 or 15 feet (cut and welded) (Currently 45 feet)

- reorganize floats
 - cost should be covered by Port Development fees rather than regular budget
- American Cruise Lines has provided two calendars for the 2013 season:
 - Port of Rockland – Public Landing
 - Port of Rockland – Journey's End Marina
- **Old Business**
- Minutes from last meetings (transcribed from tapes) have been emailed (one “real” meeting, one not). Question on whether to approve them in draft form or table them until next month's meeting. Motion made by Louise to table them until November's meeting; seconded by Melissa Maker – all in favor, none opposed. Tabled until November.
- **New Business**
- Harbor Ordinance Re-write:
 - Takes two Council votes - first reading and then again at second meeting.
 - Ordinance included in packet to be read.
 - 9-13; rules to ensure Public Landing is a secure facility and how we charge cruise ships; goes to City Council in 1st reading on 10/10/12. Ed will make sure it comes back to this commission for input on any modified versions.
 - Read it over; let Ed know if any changes should be submitted.
 - Fees will again be addressed by City Council should anyone like to make a comment during the “public comment” time.
 - Dinghy Dock:
 - Guy Polyblank would like to see a policy put in place to protect dinghy's from outboard damage (leaving ones motor up vs. down).
 - Ed will look into dinghy docks in other communities to see what they do about it. Castine was suggested as a possible example as they have a large dinghy dock.
 - Extending invitations to other committees:
 - We are on the calendar for the 2nd Tuesday of every month should anyone be interested in attending.
 - Notification question – opportunity to be heard. Ed reports that a standard committee notification policy is being worked on.
 - When are appointments up?
 - Ed will research. Information has been emailed (10/10/12).
- **Fish Pier Director's Report**
- Last meeting was held on 9/28/12. Two members attended: Greg B. and Rich W. Also in attendance was Jim Parker from Island Lobster Group.
 - Trash issues/barrel issues – sorted out who's responsible
 - Extra dump runs with Robinson Trash

- Mr. Parker would like to be on the Advisory Board – question as to how many can be on it. Six on it now.
- Have not had a quorum since January or February of 2012 as not enough members present at meetings.
- By end of October permits will be solicited for Herring boats (big and small), bait dealers, etc. They will be due by the first week in December and notice of who gets what will be given by the last Friday in December.
- Al's calling different buyers – letting them know what's available, hoping to get more interest and get another buyer down there.
- It's been quiet since the Pier was picked up.
- Question posed to Al by Melissa re: [Gary Kinney, Garrett Bait, etc.] using the Pier night after night instead of staying at their moorings. Are they being charged when they're there? If Al's not around to see them, can they be seen on the camera? Send a bill, give them notice, etc. to stop this behavior. Option to discuss it with the City Manager as to an administrative policy.
- Mr. Parker will attend the next meeting. Melissa will check rules as to limit on number of members.
- Al would like a member to act as "Chair" and as contact person for other members.

Richard Spear motioned meeting adjourned: seconded by Howard Edwards, Jr.; all in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM.

Submitted by Sandy Billington