

Public Meeting

August 25, 2004

4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kerry Adams, Alice Brock, Heather Bruce, Ann Colbourn, Melville Cote, and Gerard Irmer.

Members Absent: none

Advisory Staff: Rex McKinsey, Pier Manager
Michael Schneider, Harbormaster

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 4:35p.m.

Jerry Irmer apprised the committee of an opportunity to attend Professional Development classes for town employees. Jerry had found the offering in the Harbor Committee's mail box.

Review/amend/approve minutes of 8/4.

Ann Colbourn had one amendment to the minutes. She wanted them to reflect that before John Baldwin spoke she had asked if she would be in a conflict of interest since she works for Flyer's Boatyard. The Chair told her that there was no problem since the presentation was going to be on aquaculture.

Motion: Kerry Adams made a motion to accept the minutes of August 4th as amended. Ann Colbourn seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Public Statements

There were none.

Reports:

Harbor Plan Revision Subcommittees

Town Landings:

Review Public Landings Report, revise/accept; review plans/data, etc.

Alice Brock has all the coordinates needed. She has all the frontage according to the map but doesn't have the originals of what was purchased or deeded. She gave the examples of Cook Street, Conant Street, etc.

Kerry Adams wants someone from the DPW to come in with maps, etc. Someone named Tito was very friendly to Alice Brock (deduced it was Jones Locker) from 45 Commercial Street and he told

her he felt that the Town should be thoughtful about signs on their property.

Ann C. asked if they were commenting on Jones Locker? Basically we don't have a problem with it.

Jerry Irmer just wants to make sure all the public landings are identified.

Someone had a question re: beach access sticker which signs say is necessary. Rex said it means "driving on the beach" not accessing the beach on foot.

Ann C. said that the Cook Street landing has a sign that says "Private" - That will be researched.

It was decided that Ann C. and Alice B. will divide up the landing and research them.

Unfinished Business:

Heather Bruce make a point that - at least by the end of September - the Harbor Committee should have something final regarding revisions to the Harbor Plan in the pipeline. She continued, "We can at least list the changes." Ann cautioned that we have to have hearings on the changes, too. Alice said that we should be really prepared to defend these changes.

Kerry Adams then asked a question relative to Ann Colbourn. "Does she have to leave the room whenever there's a possible conflict of interest?" Answer: Yes.

Heather Bruce handed out a draft letter that she had spent five or six hours composing which was to be sent to the state. The letter made some good points but all agreed that it was too-o-o-o long.

Everyone thanked Heather for her efforts but Kerry put it best when he said, "The person reading this lengthy tome would put it aside after the first paragraph and leave it on a pile until he had a lot of time to fully digest it."

After a lot of comments regarding semantics it was decided that everyone would rework the letter and e-mail their rewrites back and forth. The problem with this avenue is that Heather, the original letter writer, has a non-functioning e-mail!

Old Business:

A letter from Keith Bergman was read announcing the appointment of the new Harbormaster, Michael Schneider.

A letter from the acting Town Manager, Michelle Jarieswicz, was read regarding Flyer's additional moorings. Ann C. stepped out during the discussion. Basically the suggestion from Michelle was to place an ad announcing a hearing on the mooring field expansion. It was tentatively scheduled for September 22nd. After a bit more discussion it was decided that September 29th would be a better date for the public hearing. The main thought in her memo was that a public hearing should have been held PRIOR to submitting it to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Ann Colbourn was called back to join the meeting.

Harbor Access Fees Collected

A detailed list of the Chapter 91 moneys collected was handed out.

New Business:

New Mission Statement vs. implementing the Harbor Plan

Rewriting the Mission Statement was put on hold when it was found what it entailed. It was decided to remain at status quo for the time being.

Motion: Kerry Adams made a motion to rescind our request to the BoS regarding rewriting the Mission Statement. Alice Brock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment happened quickly at 5:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by _____ on _____, 2004.
Jerry Irmer