

Public Meeting

September 15, 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 (excused absence)
Ted Meyers, Police Chief

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Review/amend/approve minutes of 8/25.

Alice Brock wished to strike a paragraph referring to Lou Gitto of Jones Locker.

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

Jerry Irmer, the Chair, handed out several informational announcements to the Committee members.

Public Statements

There were none.

Reports:

Harbor Plan Revision Subcommittees

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

Alice Brock had a report to present. She has met with Dana Faris and Sandy Turner at the DPW and she began reporting on the results of that meeting. Alice was unable to determine if Snail Road landing exists and she will look into the Book of Roads in the near future. Jerry cautioned not to go into detail, just identify. Alice said she had found 8 original town landings in the Book of Roads but there are still some that are tentative, i.e., Cook Street alley to the beach was never a public landing but is a public right of way.

Alice said that on her visit with the DPW she found that there are rules for Chapter 91 licenses but they have no way to enforce them. DPW can write to the owners as they have in the past but enforcement is beyond their jurisdiction. Sandy Turner also – on the subject of beach clean-up – said that they can write for a grant for machinery, etc. relating to beach clean-up BUT if a machine is obtained there are no extra monies for an operator, or for maintenance so the grant application would

be pointless without additional money and manpower. Without that kind of support she would be unable implement any of the grant.

Jerry Irmer said he didn't want to get into financing of proposals.

The Chief said that the type of beach sand we have needs special equipment.

Kerry Adams opined that there's money from licensing (boats, etc.) for recreational facilities of the harbor.

Jerry interjected, "At this point you've done a fine job, Alice, but I don't want to go into detail now."

Then Jerry announced that he had wrestled Heather's letter down to one page and had sent it in. Jerry said the recipient of the letter will answer this letter with another letter and he wants figures – as in how much money has been collected. The Treasurer will be called for clarification.

Alice wants a definition of all the different funds. A number of these funds go directly to the state and the town never sees any of them.

Jerry told the Committee that these letters they're receiving from Coastal Engineering are follow-ups to original amnesty applications. His other comment had to do with sign language. He thought that the language for beach access had already been decided upon. Jerry told the group that if we agree on this then we can ask the owners to supply their own signs.

Heather Bruce felt that now that the summer is over, we can reform subgroups perhaps at the first meeting in October. Jerry agreed and said that at the 1st meeting in October we should start working with our sub groups. The Town Manager has said that technically we now have the freedom to orchestrate a new plan. Heather Bruce said there has to be a breakdown of fixing the problems within the original plan. Jerry said, "Now we're getting back into semantics." The appendices, most felt, should be redone and have to be fixed.

Heather wanted "harbor uses" specified. Kerry said that you don't have to detail each property. Just generalization i.e., East, West, and Center would do it.

Unfinished Business:

Next it was thought that someone should start breaking down the files for the Harbor Committee. Everyone would like to have everything sorted out. The records for Chapter 91 are a mess! There is one file cabinet in the basement that has all the Harbor Committee records in it as well as the Chapter 91 licenses, Harbor minutes, etc. Jerry volunteered to go through the files and make order from them.

It was decided that after the Public Hearing on September 29th, a regular Harbor Committee meeting will be convened at which time the Committee will have to deal with what is happening to local properties.

Motion: Jerry Irmer made a motion to adjourn at 5:16 p.m. Ann Colbourn seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

The next meeting will be a Public Hearing on Flyer's application for additional mooring spaces and will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29th. After the hearing a regular Harbor Committee meeting will convene.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Gaudiano

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Approved by _____ on _____, 2004.
Jerry Irmer