

Harbor Committee

October 27, 2004

4:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Kerry Adams, Alice Brock, Heather Bruce, and Gerard Irmer.

**Members Absent:** Ann Colbourn and Melville Cote (excused absence)

**Advisory Staff:** Rex McKinsey, Pier Manager (excused absence)  
Ted Meyer, Police Chief

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

## AGENDA

### Review/amend/approve minutes of 10/13.

After review there was one date change from the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** Heather Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Alice Brock seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

### Announcements from Jerry Irmer:

**Maritime Days** will be scheduled for May 14-22, 2005. Rex is looking for ideas for this holiday.

**Harbor Plan** has to be finalized on May 5<sup>th</sup> and perhaps the Committee will be asked to man a table and pass out Harbor information in celebration of Maritime Days. Maybe, too, have a sign-up for the Beach Clean-up.

Louis Gitto had a long phone conversation with Jerry re: letters, which were passed out to members of the Committee. Mr. Gitto was told that the Committee wants conditions that come in from him to be declared "amnesty" or "non-amnesty." The Committee also wants a break-down of fees. Gitto agreed but did say these owners and conditions are between the state and the applicant. Tidewater and occupational fees go to the state but Jerry said he still wanted a break-down in fees and the formula for the charges.

Gitto also said that the charge on the tideplan was initially \$10/sq ft but citizens felt the year-round owners' fee should have some consideration and thus it was reduced to \$4/sq ft.

### Public Statements

There were none.

### Reports:

## **Harbor Plan Revision Subcommittees:**

### **Public Facilities:**

Kerry Adams and Rex McKinsey worked on this facet of the plan. Chapter 5 of the existing plan has harbor recommendations. Also it has public landings in it but Alice is doing that portion. Kerry has amendments to the plan; his part and Alice's (public landings) will be part of the final public facilities section.

There was much discussion regarding Kerry's hand-out. It will be redone and handed out at one of the future meetings.

Examples of section: Bathrooms, telephones, grant for floats and handicap facilities are in the works for the pier. Also a surcharge on ferry passengers which should fund the transportation shelter is part of the plan. There must be a sheltered place for the harbormaster's boat and pump-out boat. Perhaps a seasonal sheltered slip for the pump-out boat.

Wave attenuation should be considered for future use. This provoked much disagreement from some members of the Committee. The following terminology was then decided upon: "floating docks on the east end side of the pier need to be redesigned and/or protected from adverse weather."

Another piece would be to widen the West End boat ramp to at least accommodate two boats at a time. Should water taxis be considered as alternative transportation they will need potential landing site locations in the future.

### **Future Meetings:**

- **Water Use - - - - - 11/3**
- **Public Landings - - - - 11/17**
- **Chapter 91 - - - - - 12/1**
- **Land Use - - - - - ??**
- **Long Term Plans/Implementation**

### **New Business:**

- **Waterways Appl. No. W96-6381-N, 401½ Commercial St.**

A letter detailing special conditions was sent to the Committee with the explanation from Mr. Gitto saying he sent it to the Committee only as a courtesy.

It was determined that Jerry will write yet another letter detailing the Harbor Committee's discussion on the special conditions.

**Motion: Kerry Adams made a motion to recommend that Waterways Application # W96-6381-N, 401½ Commercial Street be accepted with our special changes made to the conditions. Alice Brock seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0-0.**

- **Discuss residential public access signage**

The signage for Beach Access was discussed. The sign was adjusted to say "open dawn to dusk." It was then thought – for standardization purposes – that perhaps the Harbor Committee should have the signs made and issued to the parties affected. The signs will probably be 6" X 6".

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 5:57 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Evelyn Gaudiano*

Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

**Approved by** \_\_\_\_\_ **on** \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.  
Jerry Irmer