

# HARBOR COMMITTEE

December 1, 2004

4:30 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Ann Colbourn (excused absence)

**Advisory Staff:** Rex McKinsey, Pier Manager (left at 5:15 p.m.)  
Ted Meyer, Police Chief (left at 5:15 p.m.)

## AGENDA

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

### **Review/amend/approve minutes of 11/17.**

At the meeting of November 17<sup>th</sup>, Kerry wondered why he had made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. He was not present at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting – thus, even though he made a motion to approve, he was listed as an abstention since he was not in attendance at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Motion:** Alice Brock made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting (as amended). Kerry Adams seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

### **Public Statements**

There were none.

### **Reports:**

#### **Harbor Plan Revision Subcommittees:**

### **Public Facilities**

Kerry Adams passed out his Public Facilities section. “There were no cross-outs” per Alice Brock. She was referring to the format in the previous sections which indicated both the old document as well as the changes.

The bullets he presented were in the original harbor plan – but were merely amended.

The Chief asked if the water meter for pier users in the original plan had been decided to be a billed function? Rex answered, “No.”

**Motion:** Mel Cote made a motion to accept the public facilities sub-committee’s recommendations. Alice Brock 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Water Use**

One change was made by Mel Cote on page v12 i.e., the difference in coliform bacteria between human and animal fecal coliform count. Alice had yet another suggestion. She hopes that the wording will be cleaned up and made simple before completion.

**Motion:** Kerry Adams made a motion to accept the Water Use section with the November 17<sup>th</sup>

**and December 1<sup>st</sup> changes. Mel Cote seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4-0-0.**

### **Public Landings**

Alice Brock handed out her assignment on Public Landings. She told the group that the bold lettering indicated new additions. Jerry began reading the report. The Chief had a grammatical change and others made a few corrections. Since the secretary did not have a copy she was unable to follow through on the changes which all seemed minor. Kerry promised Alice that he was making the changes on his copy and would furnish her with the corrections.

At this point (5:15 p.m.) Rex and the Chief left to attend a meeting in Yarmouth.

Jerry felt that the Public Landings section should be sort of an inventory of existing landing and their conditions. There were a few changes made i.e., “illegal encroachment by abutters” and other semantic changes.

Julie Heller’s gallery on the Gosnold Street landings sparked a spirited discussion. Then the discourse moved on to the Court Street landing with its historic fire house and reference to public restrooms. The question was, “Should it be restored or relocated?”

As for Atlantic Avenue, it was thought that the legal boundaries should be restored.

Good Templar Place has an access that is uninviting. It has the same drop-off problem when it reaches the beach area as does Atlantic Avenue.

Franklin Street, as it refers to the sea wall, is a landing that desperately needs a survey.

West Vine Street was discussed next. - Capt Jacks is a victim of heavy rains that wash out this landing.

West End boat ramp needs to be enlarged. (This area has a need for public restrooms.) Rules concerning limited time for meters for boat trailers. (24 hr max?)

Jerry suggested that the section may need a statement stating that the Public Landing Section may not be all inclusive list - some more investigation has to be done, i.e. 13 town landings are not all inclusive. Some others exist and may have to be researched to establish town boundaries i.e. Cart Road at bottom of Conant Street, etc.

All landings should get doggie bags and clean sand and more of an effort should be made to maintain these areas. Bike racks and benches should be added where appropriate. Also, survey and legal establishment of title of landing. enforcement of rules and codes requires participation of town officials. Legal counsel could be sought where necessary and all storm drains need to be addressed.

Kerry Adams wanted to go on record commending Alice on the great work she did and he feels the Harbor Plan should have a separate section on town landings. Alice did great work!

**Motion: Kerry Adams made a motion to have a special section of the Harbor Plan on Public Landings. Heather Bruce seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

**Land Use - - - - - 12/8**

**Chapt. 91 Regulatory Framework and Guidance- - - 12/15**

**Long Term Plans/Implementation 12/15**

### **Unfinished Business:**

Jerry reported to the group that he had received an e-mail from Keith Bergman stating (with regard to the mooring fees) that the state has mandated that you can’t make residential and non-residential with

different fees. All fees have to be equitable.

Also Jerry reported that he had sent an e-mail to Mr. Gitto as demanded by Heather regarding Gluck's proximity to a town landing.

Three pages of beach access signs were handed out. The access signs will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

***NEXT MEETING IS DECEMBER 8, 2004***

**A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 6:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Evelyn Gaudiano*

Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

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