## Harbor Committee Minutes March 15, 2007

**Members Present** (Chair) SA- Steve Achambault, BO- Bill Oliver, PL- Peter Leavitt JW- John Winslow.

Also present Dave Libby (Town Council Liaison) Kathleen Babeu , (Town Clerk) Lucy Couture from Diver Down.

Meeting called to order at 8:03 am. By SA.

Public comment opened with no responses and closed.

February's Harbor Committee Minutes reviewed with Bo moved to pass and PL seconded. Vote taken to pass the minutes with all in favor.

SA gave comments from the Chair; John Dalton Officially Retired / resigned. Asked the Committee to think about Long Range Plan that the Consultant Firm will help the Committee in achieving.

SA handed out Harbor Masters Report (Kevin Cady not present) and reviewed the highlights. 706 mooring renewals returned as of March 14<sup>th</sup> with 75 on Town Landing Waiting List. Request for bids have been received for upgrading Hardware on existing Floats and to construct two additional Floats for dinghy tie-up. Diver Down was awarded the bid for the placement of new Anchorage Marker Buoys. Dinghy Informational cards are being sent out to those that indicate they access their boat through the Town Landing .

SA opened discussion on the Dinghy Permit process and suggested a hand-out be given to all that receive a Dinghy Permit. It was suggested to start a waiting list on April 7<sup>th</sup> for those that did not receive a permit. Discussion continued on how to conduct the process. Numbers were suggested to be handed out to those waiting in line.

BO elected to come up with language for Rules pertaining to Dinghy's stored at Town Landing Pier and e-mail to members for final approval.

JW had questions for Kevin on current mooring renewals and will e-mail to Kevin for a response. Committee discussion followed. Recommendation for grace period of one year vacant mooring to begin this season.

Merle Hallet's request for a mooring permit for a 95foot boat denied. The rules that apply to the Special Anchorage is for Vessels 65' or less.

Committee discussed options for winter markers of Moorings. After debate with Diver Down and Committee BO moved a motion that all winter markers shall comply with State and Federal Laws of being White with a Blue stripe and to display Mooring Co. ID, JW seconded. Vote was taken with 3 in favor and PL opposed. JW informed the committee of Port Safety Forum Meeting held in Portland April 17. Nathan Poore stopped in to invite committee members to attend Executive Town Council meeting at the Falmouth Memorial Library to participate on the discussion of the Rt. 88 land purchase.

Dave Libby brought up hiring a Park Ranger to help with fee collection and monitoring of the Town Landing. Chief Tolan to work this into his budget. This subject had been discussed at the January meeting with Committee support. Online video cameras being look into at the Landing.

Nathan Poore approached the committee with a question on the deadline for Mooring Renewals. After discussion with the committee and the confusion on the deadline date JW made a motion to allow a grace period to the end of the Town Hall Business hours March 15 to receive mooring renewal payment, Committee all in favor.

Winter ladder at Town Landing Pier was discussed by the Committee members. Discussion tabled to a future meeting to have Kevin Cady's input.

Organizational meeting with NE Consultants to finalize Contract. Date set for April 5, 2007 @ 9:00am and possibly conducting meeting VIA Conference Call .

BO to present review of Mooring inspection process at the next meeting.

After Committee discussion SA to draft a response letter to Mrs.Getz and to e-mail to committee members to review before being sent.

BO made a motion to adjourn with PL seconded. Meeting adjourned @ 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted John Winslow