

Harbor/Waterfront Committee Meeting
April 8, 2010 8:00 AM
Falmouth Police Department

Roll Call

Present: William Oliver, Chairperson Stephen Archambault, Peter Leavitt, Jay Hallett, Manny Kourinos, Paul. Dobbins, Harbormaster Alan Twombly, Kim Maxfield-Fearon

Members of the public: 1

Item I: Chairperson Comment

There are two items waiting for town council attention:

1. What type of craft may be used as primary vessel on a mooring. There has been no change at this point however the council will be working on the verbiage and voting on it on April 12, 2010;
2. Verbiage allowing the harbormaster to remove people from the waiting list.

The council looking over and formalizing the long range plan. There will be a meeting with Town Councilor Breen, Harbormaster Twombly, Chairperson Archambault, Chief Tolan and Nathan Poore on 4/12 to discuss this issue. All members of the committee are welcome to attend.

Item II: Review / Approve minutes of 1/14/10 Meeting

William Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/14/10 Harbor Committee meeting, Jay Hallett seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Item III: Public Comment

Keith Noyes asked why the ordinance requiring all mooring balls be removed by January 1 is not being enforced. He asked if those moorings that do not have the balls removed could be pulled and people taken off of the mooring list.

He was told that some of them are service moorings and commercial moorings.

The harbormaster agreed that he was correct however the harbormaster boat is out of the water in December and he has no way to check on the mooring

balls to address this issue. He suggested that the date be returned to December 1.

There was brief discussion on the matter and it was agreed to table the issue to be addressed later in the season.

Mr. Noyes also asked if the town had gotten away from winter spars. There was brief discussion on using something different than spars. The committee decided to explore different alternatives for future discussion.

Peter Leavitt spoke as a member of the public that his reason for joining the committee was to address issues protecting Underwood Cove. He is disappointed that none of his concerns have been addressed and now there is a new development with potential access. He was told that at this point that is a legal issue being handled by the town's attorney. At this point, access is not being granted to the new development as it doesn't have the 100' of waterfront that is needed. Due to this, Harbormaster Twombly would not discuss the issue per the police chief's instruction.

Item IV: Harbormaster Report

Moorings (2009 stats in parenthesis)

Total	1,111	(1216?)
Received	1,051	(997)
Not Renewing	42	(42)
Status Pending	53	(177?)
New Moorings	11	
Waiting List	131	{92 – resident; 32 non-resident} (97)

Not renewing by Access Location

Town Landing	13
Handy Boat	14
PYC	11
Private	3

Online Mooring Program

The new Online Mooring Program has worked well, not perfect, but successfully for the first year of implementation. Below are numbers by way of example from March:

Total Renewals Completed	1047
Renewals completed on line	689 (68%)
Renewals completed with HM help	358 (32%)
Renewals paid online by credit card	408 (40%)

The Online Mooring company has been very responsive to customer feedback and changed some of the procedures early in the process to simplify matters.

Late notices were mailed on April 6th.

The commercial floats are being repaired this week and will be put in on April 13th. The remaining floats will be put in the first of May after repairs are made to them.

We have received a \$15,000 grant from Maine DEP for a new pump-out which will be installed this month, before the end and side floats are put in. It will be the same type of pump with the exception that instead of the pump being on the end of the pier the pump will be down on float and are increasing the hose size to 2" from 1 1/2". There was discussion on whether there is a way to check for leaks. There was some discussion on the new pump and how it works.

Per the town council the harbormaster will be taking 20 people off of the waiting list this year and from this point on, it will be 1 off and 1 in.

Chairperson Archambault made note that Chief Tolan and Harbormaster Twombly will be looking into having the town council give the harbormaster the authority to do his job without having to go through ordinance changes all the time.

Item V: Unfinished Business

None

Item VI: New Business

A Review Direction of Long Range Anchorage Management Plan

The report was given to the town council at the 5/12 (09?) meeting and asked the council to do something with it. Councilor Breen will be addressing the issue and what does the committee wish to tell them?

The council continues to ask for information that has already been provided in the consultant's report.

There was more discussion on parking but after continued discussion, it was decided that the council would be told that they have all the information in the report that was presented and to use the report and the figures provided in it.

B Dinghy Day

Saturday April 10. Place holders will be given out at 4:00 AM and dinghy permits will be handed out at 8:00 AM. Last year went very smoothly, the same is anticipated for this year.

Item VII: Confirm Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2010 at 8:00 AM at the Falmouth Police Department. If there is a meeting needed prior to, Chairperson Archambault will let everyone know. He asked that any member having items they would like added to the agenda, please let him know.

Item VIII: Adjourn

Jay Hallett made a motion and William Oliver seconded it that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM

Respectfully submitted on April 22, 2010 by Kimmerly Maxfield-Fearon