

FALMOUTH HARBOR COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 15, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8:01 am

Members Present: Steve Archambault, John Winslow, Bill Oliver, Manny Kourinos, Jay Hallett, Harbor Master Cady

Members Absent: Pete Leavitt, Richie Garrett

Phase II Consultants: Dave Bragg, Andrew Manning

Chairperson Comments: None

ITEM 1

A motion to accept the minutes of the April 17th meeting was made and seconded. Voted unanimously to approve.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Falmouth resident Kerry Robillard spoke about the relocating of his mooring by Harbor Master Cady, and the appeal he had filed with the Harbor Committee about that move. As this appeal was to be an agenda item addressed under Unlisted New Business, a decision was made to address it out of order.

The appeal was discussed at length, during which time, the reasons the Harbor Master decided to move the location of the mooring were listed. Mr. Robillard aired the concerns he had about the move of his mooring. Jay Hallett and Manny Kourinos, both Committee Members and Mooring Company operators, offered to Mr. Robillard that the new location of his mooring was, in reality, a much better location.

Discussions ended with Mr. Robillard apparently terminating his appeal and accepting the new location of his mooring.

ITEM 3 HARBOR MASTER REPORT

Kevin reported that:

1. New Ford Pickup Truck now in service
2. Nathan Poore spoke with the Maine Municipal Association and the Town's attorney, about Town owned dinghies available for public use. A decision has been made to purchase 4 dinghies. Rules and guidelines for use will be established, and a release will be needed to be signed as a condition of use. A rules and guidelines sub committee (John Winslow and Bill Oliver) was formed to help develop guidelines. (Chairperson Archambault read an e-mail from Susan Caston, a Senior Underwriter with the MMA, to Nathan Poore, stating MMA's willingness to provide insurance coverage on Town owned dinghies and listed projected premium rates.) Committee discussion continued on the effect of Town owned dinghies on dinghy limits and on potential launch service from Town Landing.
3. Currently there are 33 delinquent mooring holders. All have been given a third and final notification, by certified letter, that their equipment is slated to be removed from the anchorage.
4. We have 1243 moorings in the system (including the 33 delinquent).
5. Town floats being put in today (5/15/2008)
6. GIS database is being developed
7. Security cameras for Town Landing have been bid out.

ITEM 4 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Dinghy Day and Council Meeting discussed during Harbor Master report item 2

B. Phase II Consultants Andrew Manning and Dave Bragg discussed activities since taking on the project and outlined a plan for moving ahead.

The development of a database that listed current anchorage placements, had the ability to define immediate problem congestion areas, had the capability to help implement a long range plan for safe mooring placement, and identified a maximum number of moorings safely fitting in the anchorage, was seen as a priority.

A second priority is to look at all access points throughout the anchorage, identify who is using each location, and to analyze the strengths each location brings to the waterfront. Also included in this analysis would be the effect of any land side support facilities either current or proposed.

A final priority is to develop a long range plan for the anchorage that includes the best utilization of all waterfront resources.

It was noted that the Consultants will update the Harbor Committee at the June 19th Committee Meeting, make a final update to the Committee at the July Committee meeting, and make a final report of findings to the Town Council at their August Council meeting.

C. No unlisted items

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. The Committee discussed, at length, options for a potential launch service being offered from the Town Landing. The Consultant will review launch options and offer suggestions at the upcoming meetings.

B. No unlisted items

ITEM 6

Next meeting confirmed for June 19th, 6pm, at the Falmouth Police Station

ITEM 7

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 9:15am. Voted unanimous to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted

Steve Archambault