

Harbor/Waterfront Committee Meeting
June 10, 2010 8:00 AM
Falmouth Police Department

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Archambault; Richard Garrett; William Oliver; Jay Hallett, Manny Kourinos, Harbormaster Twombly, Kim Maxfield-Fearon

Absent: Peter Leavitt, Paul Dobbins

Members of the public: 2

CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

Had a meeting with Chief Tolan, Harbormaster Twombly, Councilor Cathy Breen and Councilor Fred Chase in reference to a resolution by the Town Council as to their position on the information presented to them outlining a long range plan. The meeting resulted in a resolution by the council. He sent that to the committee and thanks those that chose to respond. He feels the resolution is a joke.

Chairperson Archambault announced that as of the end of this meeting, he will be resigning from the committee due to personal reasons and frustration with the bureaucracy. He has enjoyed working with the committee and the members. He passed out a letter explaining his position which has been attached to these minutes.

I Review/Approve Minutes from 4/8/10 Meeting

William Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes of the 4/8/10 meeting, Richard Garrett seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Public Comment

John Winslow spoke and had 5 questions for the committee:

Why are lobster buoys being allowed to be used for mooring markers? He was told that this was an experiment and the situation will be discussed further in the future.

What is the actual cost of the operation of the landing? Will need to talk to Town Manager Nathan Poore for the figures.

What are the boundaries of the town landing and associated uses of the anchorage and why has there never been a definition of same? The Harbormaster is working on defining the boundaries of the various areas of the anchorage.

What happened to the web access video camera that was discussed several years ago? The cost to setup and run the video was prohibitive.

What changes can be expected in the mooring application process for next year and can the cost for the online mooring be justified? The hope is to eliminate most of the mailings with people using the online mooring application service. 68% of mooring holders renewed on line this year.

III Harbormaster's Report

Moorings

Total	1111 (11 still waiting payment- new moorings)
Not Renewing	85 (29 from Town Landing)
New Moorings	41 (19 Town Landing)
Waiting List	97 (131 before taking from wait list) 57-resident; 40 non-residents

New Pump out

The new pump out was installed last month. There was an obstruction over the Memorial Day weekend that prompted some e-mails to the town council and town manager. As a result we now have an agreement with Falmouth Wastewater that they will respond to assist whenever required. The pump out is now working well.

William Oliver asked what the secondary plan was and was told that Handy Boat and Friends of Casco Bay were the back-ups for pump out.

FLIR

The FLIR (Forward Looking Infra-Red) was installed last week and is now operational. The FLIR was purchase with the same federal grant used to purchase the new motors.

Winter Logs

As of June 8th there were still 31 moorings with winter logs on them. Many of those were moorings that were not renewed and are in the process of being hauled by the mooring companies. Some of the rest have not been removed because the clients have not paid some mooring companies for last year's service. In that case I have asked the mooring company to at least put the balls on the moorings without pennants for safety. I will also contact those who refuse to comply and consider issuing summonses for the ordinance violation.

New Deputy Harbormaster

Ken Walberg will be starting July 2nd as the new Deputy Harbormaster. Ken is retiring June 25th after twenty-seven years in the US Coast Guard. Ken is currently the Chief at Station South Portland in charge of Law Enforcement/Search and Rescue.

Parking

The weekends haven't been great but on Sunday, May 30th, one of the Rangers was stationed at the bottom of Town Landing hill checking for parking permits. Overall, it was well received by residents and seemed to help the parking situation a little. We will continue this practice as much as is practicable, especially on weekends and holidays.

V Unfinished Business

None

VI New Business

A. Request to increase rental moorings at Handy Boat (CWO 9-94(j)(l))

Due to the economy, people are looking for short term/seasonal alternatives to an annual membership. Jay Hallett would like to increase the number of rental moorings at Handy Boat from 40 to 60. This will require an ordinance change.

William Oliver, Manny Kourinos Richard Garrett and Stephen Archambault were all in favor.

B. Appreciation Banquet

Chairperson Archambault asked for a number of who was planning on attending the banquet this year:

Richie Garrett – unable
William Oliver – Yes
Stephen Archambault – Yes

C. Unlisted

None

Jay Hallet asked if Chairperson Archambault had heard from Councilor Chase.

Chairperson Archambault stated that Councilor Chase wanted the Town Council comments on the committee recommendations. He felt that Harbor Committee should be done away with and become an Ad Hoc committee. He said that he couldn't wait to be removed as council liaison and put with another committee.

Richie Garrett pointed out that the committee should be respectful of the Town Council.

William Oliver said the he realizes that the Town Council has been tied up with serious budget issues over the past couple years and the Harbor Committee issues have had to take a back burner. He doesn't like it, but he does understand.

Stephen Archambault said that the Council has not agreed on any long range plan and have not addressed any of the issues brought up to them and feels they have ignored the recommendations by the Committee. They will address issues as they become issues. He has expressed his discouragement with the process and treatment of the committee. He has also indicated to the council that not all the members of committee are in agreement with his sentiments.

Richie Garrett, as vice-chairman, to the Committee will take over as acting chairman. Officers will be elected in October.

Discussion as to when there would be a next meeting and how to go about getting started with the ordinance change for Handy Boat.

Returning to the ordinance change requested by Jay Hallett: A motion needed to be made to make the change:

William Oliver made a motion the Coastal Waters Ordinance be changed from allowing 40 rental moorings to allowing 60. Richie Garrett seconded it. A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Tolan or Harbormaster Twombly will bring the proposal to Councilor Chase for presentation to the council.

VI Confirm Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for October 14, 2010 at 6:00 PM should there be a need for a meeting prior to, one will be set up.

Richie Garrett wanted to take the time to thank Steve Archambault for his work as chair of the committee.

VII Adjourn

William Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Manny Kourinos seconded. A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted on June 24, 2010 by Kimmerly Maxfield-Fearon.

Letter of Resignation from Committee Chairperson Archambault:

Stephen Archambault
19 Hamlin Rd
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Chairperson
Falmouth Harbor Committee
June 9, 2010

Committee Members
Falmouth Harbor Committee

Fellow Committee Members,

Please be advised that I will be stepping down as Falmouth Harbor Committee Chair, and resigning my position as a member of the Committee, effective as of the conclusion of the Committee's June 10th meeting.

I have enjoyed my time on the Committee, and could not have been involved with a better, more dedicated group of people. The hard work and committed effort put forth by all Committee Members made my job as Chair much easier. I will miss working with everyone.

My decision to step down and resign is primarily due to personal and family reasons. A secondary reason is a sense of frustration with the bureaucratic process and the slow pace at which things happen.

As time passes, I'm sure I will always look back at my time on the Committee with satisfaction. As a group, I'm sure we made a difference because of our efforts.

Steve Archambault

