

Falmouth Harbor Committee

Minutes of the August 18, 2006 workshop meeting

Chairman Garrett opened the meeting at 7:05 am

Chairman Garrett introduced Town Manager Nathan Poore to the committee.

RFP:

Mr. Poore advised the committee on his discussions with the chair, the harbormaster, Jay Hallett, Chief Tolan and representatives of GPCOG on the RFP for a consultant to review the anchorage. A minor change was suggested by Mr. Poore, which was accepted by the committee. Discussion ensued on where to send the RFP and the manner in which it would be publicized. It was decided the ad would become public on August 25th.

Special Anchorage:

Kevin Cady advised the committee that the special anchorage proposed by the USCG is now open for public comment (60 days) on the federal register and that all correspondence should be directed to the register and not to the committee. It was discussed whether or not to suggest any changes to the lines drawn by the USCG and after much discussion it was decided by the committee to notify the USCG and the federal register that the committee was satisfied with the USCG's proposal.

Motion by Leavitt, seconded by Oliver, to send a letter to the federal register and John Mauro of the USCG stating, "The Harbor Committee accepts the USCG's recommendation on the redefined special anchorage for Falmouth." Voted 5-0 to send the letter. Chief Tolan advised that he will contact the Town Manager and ask for a letter of support from the Town Council and the Manager.

Kevin Cady and Chairman Garrett will meet with the news media to explain the current process for public comment.

Joint Patrol Operation:

Kevin Cady advised on a meeting with the USCG, Cumberland County Sheriff's Dept., and the Portland Harbormaster that occurred at the Coast Guard station in South Portland on August 16th regarding a joint enforcement operation. The detail will focus on boaters who are operating under the influence and minors in possession of alcohol. The operation will take place the weekend of August 25th, 26th, and 27th. It is being funded by a grant that the Sheriff's Dept. has for these types of details.

Coastal Waters Ordinance:

The committee continued discussion of the Coastal Waters Ordinance in preparation for presenting it to the Town Council at their September workshop.

Steve Archambault suggested that the next workshop be specifically dedicated to the ordinance so that we can complete our work for the September meeting. The committee agreed to this.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:00 am on August 23rd at the Foreside Fire Station.

Chairman Garrett adjourned the meeting at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Edward J. Tolan
Chief of Police