

**HARBOR/WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
9/18/08**

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Steve Archambault, William Oliver, Jay Hallett, Richard Garrett, Manny Kourinos

Absent: Peter Leavitt

Others Present: Harbormaster Kevin Cady, Kim Maxfield-Fearon

Members of the Public: 3

Item I: Chairperson Comment:

The presentation of the consultant report to the town council went extremely well. The council was very receptive to the information and suggestions by the consultants. They would like to see a time line from the committee for the implementation of this plan.

The 2008 season went very smoothly thanks to Kevin Cady, the rangers. Richard Garrett expressed concerns of the dinghies that were tied up and full of water.

Item II: Approval of Minutes from 8/14/08

Richard Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes of the 8/14/08 meeting, Jay Hallett seconded. Voted on and minutes approved.

Item III: Public Comment

Mike Stone of Johnson Road. Would like to see how the requested increase in parking can be justified and would like to know why the recommendation of three times the current parking. He would also like some information on water quality management and to know how effective the pumping station is.

Paul Dobbins of Mountain Road would like to see the data used in coming up with the proposals. He believes very few people responded and that there may not have been enough respondents for an accurate picture. He would also like to see some data re the dinghy elimination plan. He would volunteer to assist in getting the word out about the meetings to encourage public input. Chairperson Archambault informed him there was an opening on the committee if he was interested. He will go to the clerk's office and take out an application.

Richard Craven of Babbage Road mentioned that he was on the waiting list, he knew he had a wait but he will be patient. Chairperson Archambault told

him that the current moratorium on new moorings will be in effect for quite a while.

It was also brought up to the committee that people are having trouble finding information on the Harbor Committee on the web.

Item IV: Harbormaster Report

The Harbormaster responded to Mike Stone's inquiry about the water quality and the pump-out station. He reported that the ME Department of Environmental Protection has given us a \$10,000 grant to rehabilitate the pump-out system. The pump-out is directly connected to the sewer system and is in good working order. The Department of Marine Resources does weekly water samples at the landing and they are consistently in good condition. There are occasional spikes in the samples but they attribute these mostly to pets using the beach where the owners do not clean up after them.

Moorings, same as last meeting.

Waiting list: 54 residents, 13 non residents

The GIS database is still in the trial phase. It is being reworked by the software company.

The pump-out station has been very busy and is getting a lot of use.

All three of the town owned skiffs are still accounted for and are all in good condition.

At this point, the Coast Guard has given the town \$3190 in fuel and we have only paid \$432. The reason the Coast Guard supplies us with fuel is that we assist them on a regular basis.

Still working on the grant funding for the outboards and infrared.

The cost to replace the orange collar on the Harbormaster's boat is \$9000. There is damage to it and at this time, attempts will be made to repair it instead of replace it at a cost of approx. \$2000.

Assists to the coast guard:

10 CAT escorts

6 Mega cruise ship escorts

Numerous coast guard assists and escorts.

Hopes to have the floats out in mid October.

Still no word on security cameras at the Landing.

Item V: Unfinished Business

A. Consultant Report

The consultant's report was reviewed along with the emphasis on the need to have the Town Council's support to make the proposed changes happen.

Discussion on the consultant's report – much repetition from prior meetings.

B. Access Point Definition and Discussion

Jay Hallett made a motion to table this motion until next meeting when Pete Leavitt was there for discussion. Richard Garrett seconded it. Voted to table the motion for the last time.

Jay Hallett recommended that the Chair send a memo to Pete Leavitt that if he is not here for the next meeting, the motion will be removed from the table.

C. Unlisted Items

None

Item VI: New Business

A. Review Sub-Committee Long Range Plan / Timetable

Discussion on time line for the long range plan. William Oliver, Richard Garrett and Manny Kourinos were unsettled that the time line is not defined clearly.

Jay Hallett pointed out that the time line is for the council and that the work to meet that time line is still to be done.

Richard Garrett disagrees with the plan, with the fee increase, agrees with elimination of dinghies and giving the Harbormaster more authority at the landing.

Manny Kourinos requested that if the fees increase, that the 5/1 ratio be maintained.

Discussion about a full time assistant at the town landing.

Richard Garrett reiterated his opposition to increasing the mooring fees.

Manny Kourinos disagrees with the timed parking in the lower lot and

feels that perhaps it would be better to start out with a few spaces to see how it works out.

Steve Archambault reminded the committee that the timed parking was a direct recommendation from the consultant. There was discussion on the idea of timed parking and designated spaces for commercial fishermen.

More discussion reference parking.

William Oliver stated that the main issue is to provide good access to the harbor for the town residents.

B. Review Suggested Ordinance Changes for 2009

Suggestion of adding a full time assistant – this would be paid for with the \$25 proposed increase in mooring fees.

Should this be put in the time line? William Oliver, Steve Archambault said yes, Richard Garrett said no. Jay Hallett said if the assistant position is not approved, he does not agree with increasing the fees.

Should submit the proposal to the council.

Proposed ordinance changes:

Section 9-94 – Mooring Assignments

(c) Mooring Assignment Application: Each Application shall contain the following:

(5) Name, address and telephone number of the *Mooring Company* (instead of *person*) who will set, service and inspect the mooring.

Add:

(9) A copy of the current vessel registration or Federal Documentation certificate.

Committee agreed to proposing the change of language.

Mooring Fees - raise resident from \$50 to \$75 and nonresident from \$250 - \$275.

Discussed and Bill Oliver made a motion to raise the resident moorings to \$60 and the non resident moorings to \$300 seconded by Richard Garrett. 4 yes 1 no – This motion hinges on whether an assistant is hired. If no assistant is hired, then they do not support

the fee increase.

In section (m) Placement: It is recommended that in the 2nd sentence, “he/she shall *assign / reassign* (removing *annually*) locations to each mooring and ensure placement in the correct location.

Voted on and agreed to propose this change in language.

Richard Garrett made a motion to propose the elimination of personally owned dinghies (with the exception of commercial and handicapped dinghies) and purchase additional dinghies to total 8 – 10 municipal dinghies.

Voted on and passed 5 – 1

Section 9-95 Use of Town Wharfs and Landings.

(f) No dinghies will be allowed to be stored at any town landing location. Certified handicapped and commercial fishermen dinghies may be secured to the finger floats off the town pier. Their owners shall maintain such vessels and the owners shall be liable for any damage occurring to the town property or other vessels. All allowed dinghies must comply with all of the below conditions:

(1) Effective 1/1/29 a valid skiff registration sticker must be affixed to any certified handicap or commercial fisherman dinghy stored at the town Wharf. The registration fee shall be \$50.00 for residents and \$100 for no-residents. Commercial fishermen shall be exempt from this fee.

Handicapped and commercial registration stickers shall be available annually through the harbormaster’s office.

(2) Skiffs shall not be secured with chains or wire, nor padlocked to the float and will not be left overnight with an outboard attached or fuel onboard.

(3) No skiff longer than 9 feet may be secured on the town floats.

(4) Skiffs in violation will be impounded and stored at owner’s expense.

(5) The town will supply a fleet of 8 – 10 municipal dinghies available for public use with the signing of a liability form.

Voted on and agreed to propose the changed to this section to read as above.

C. Discuss using November Committee Meeting as 1st

Informational Meeting with All Mooring Holders.

Not addressed

D. Unlisted Items

Not addressed

**Item VII Confirm Date of Next Meeting (October 16th 8:00 AM
Falmouth Police Station)**

Not addressed

Item VII Adjourn

Richard Garrett made the motion to adjourn the meeting – Manny
Kourinos seconded – Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Note to Steve:

Ordinance change from 2008

9-94 – O- inserted “Owner’s” in front of Name in 3 “ letters

9-94-O-1 F – same change needs to be made, “Owner’s” needs to be inserted in front
of name in 3” letters.