

Harbor/Waterfront Committee Meeting
November 12, 2009 8:00 AM
Falmouth Police Department

Roll Call

Present: William Oliver, Chairperson Steve Archambault, Richard Garrett, Jay Hallett, Councilperson Fred Chase, Harbormaster Alan Twombly, Kim Maxfield-Fearon, Paul Dobbins, Peter Leavitt

Absent: Manny Kourinos

Members of the public: 1

Item I: Chairperson's Comments

The Brown Property will be discussed at the December 14th town council meeting. Chairperson Archambault will be attending to support the harbor committee. He would like other committee members to attend and speak about the long range plan. He feels he needs to remind the current town council of what the committee was charged with by prior councils.

Bill Oliver will remain the Portland Yacht Club's representative on the committee.

Item II: Review / Approve the Minutes of 10/8/09 Meeting

Jay Hallett made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/8/09 meeting, William Oliver seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Item III: Public Comment

No public comment.

Item IV: Harbormaster Report

Harbormaster Twombly had no report.

Chairperson Archambault asked about the on-line mooring registration program. Alan is still waiting for the town manager to sign the agreement. As soon as it is signed, it should be ready to use within the week. He does not believe that the company will come to Maine to give a demonstration, but he will be willing to give a demonstration of the process at the next committee meeting, or if anyone wanted to stop by the landing, he could show them.

Between 6 and 8 moorings were pulled from the anchorage in total this past season.

He will not be offering extensions to people who do not plan to put boats on moorings for next season.

Richard Garrett asked what he would do if someone in the military with a mooring were deployed. Harbormaster Twombly will make allowance for that, keep their mooring and waive the fee until they return.

Item V: Unfinished Business

A. Review Ordinance issue concerning approved boats on mooring

Chairperson Archambault suggested adding *“Dinghies, kayaks, canoes, and other similar small boats are not considered appropriate vessels for a permanent mooring assignment”* to the ordinance as Sec 9-94 c (2 or 3) a.

There was discussion on how to determine what boats qualify and who would determine whether they may be primary boats for a mooring.

It was suggested that the harbormaster use his own discretion but he would prefer a written ordinance.

There was more discussion and it was decided that the harbormaster and chief of police would come up with language and take it to the town attorney for approval.

B. Review Parking Ordinance endorsement for the town council

Chairperson Archambault presented a draft Parking Ordinance endorsement to the committee recommending giving the harbormaster the authority to have vehicles towed.

Harbormaster Twombly explained what a “Scofflaw” was to the committee, and after some discussion on how to enforce. Harbormaster would not support this as he doesn’t feel the town has the resources to enforce. William Oliver noted that he felt this was an issue for the police chief to address. There was continued discussion on enforcement on a towing ordinance. There was agreement within the committee and Paul Dobbins suggested the committee make some recommendations to the police department about what they would like to see.

The harbormaster said that he would be utilizing the rangers in the coming season to monitor cars entering the lower lot and would be turning away cars without parking stickers.

Councilor Chase advised the committee that the town council was already looking into a scofflaw ordinance.

Jay Hallett and William Oliver were asked what Handy Boat and Portland Yacht Club did to enforce parking and they said that they tow

cars. Harbormaster Twombly pointed out that they can do that because they are on private property.

Use of the Brown property was brought up by Councilperson Chase and discussed. He also said that there was talk of an ad hoc committee being formed to find a use for the property and that the harbor committee might want representation.

After some discussion it was decided that the harbormaster and chief of police would come up with some wording for the ordinance.

The harbormaster suggested adding “violators may (or will) be towed” to parking signs.

It was recommended that the committee’s feelings be taken to the ordinance committee.

C. Review suggested winter meeting schedule

The winter meeting was agreed to as follows:

December – Off; January – 1/14/10 6:00 PM; February – Off; March – 3/12/10 8:00 AM; April – 4/9/10 – 8:00 AM

Jay Hallett made a motion to accept the winter schedule, Richard Garrett seconded, and the schedule was approved unanimously.

D. Unfinished business

Paul Dobbins has not had an opportunity to address the trailer parking issue with the public works department and suggested tabling it until next meeting.

Harbormaster Twombly suggested adding some language to the signs stating “trailer with attached vehicle only – violators may be towed” to the signs.

Item VI: New Business

No new business

Item VII: Confirm date for next meeting (January 14, 2010, 6:00 PM at the Falmouth Police Department)

Date for next meeting confirmed for January 14, 2010.

Prior to adjourning, Chairperson Archambault asked the committee to contact him prior to the next meeting with agenda items and reminded

the committee that the town council plans to discuss the Brown Property at their 12/14 meeting.

Adjourn

Jay Hallett made a motion to adjourn, William Oliver seconded, voted and unanimously approved to adjourn meeting at 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted on November 18, 2009.

Kimmerly Maxfield-Fearon