

Hull Harbor Management Committee

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Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2006

In Attendance: Myron Smith, Chairman; David Ray, Vice Chairman; Jay Fleck, Clerk; Sally Chisholm, Bill McKeon, Peter Mahoney, Andy Spinale, Members; Also in attendance: Kurt Bornheim (Harbormaster)

The meeting of the Hull Harbor Management Committee (HHMC) was called to order at 7:10 PM in the second floor meeting room of Hull Town Hall by Chairman Smith

Minutes:

The minutes for the February 13, 2006 meeting were accepted on a motion by Mr. Ray and seconded by Ms. Chisholm.

Old Business:

Launch Ramp: Mr. McKeon advised that Jack Sheppard of the Public Access Board is interested in conducting a site review of proposed locations for a new launch ramp in Hull. He does not believe it would be productive to meet before a site had been chosen. It was noted that the Public Access board has signed an agreement with the Town of Hingham in regards to a launch ramp.

The Town Manager has indicated he wants to build a new, wholly town funded boat ramp at Steam Boat Wharf to replace the current ramp. The HHMC believes Mr. Sheppard has looked at this site previously and turned it down due to inadequate parking for trailers. Mr. McKeon will provide Mr. Sheppard will prospective dates to come to Hull and view locations at Steamboat Wharf, adjacent to the Hull Yacht Club, and any other locations so that the HHMC can update the Board of Selectman and Town Manager. Mr. McKeon will advise the members of the HHMC when Mr. Sheppard is coming so that those members available can attend.

Silting at Pemberton: The HHMC was advised that the town Conservation Commission is currently in the permitting process for approval to remove sand from the beach between Pemberton Pier and the old Coast Guard boathouse for redeposit on Nantasket Beach. Studies have shown that the sand qualities are similar. Once the permit is approved it would allow continuous removal of sand as warranted. The question was raised, in regards to the effect a breakwater being built in this area would have on future silting.

Fuel Depot at Pemberton: The HHMC reviewed the comments of the BOS and TM in regards to the letter sent by the HHMC. The HHMC felt strongly that the numbers used by the TM to calculate expected revenues were incorrect and Mr. Ray broke down what he felt were better projections of fuel usage by the average recreational boater. The Harbormaster heard from the Coast Guard that no fueling would be allowed while the commuter boats were loading and unloading, thus curtailing hours of

operation. The Harbormaster also advised that a fuel depot at the location would not need any additional security measures in regards to Homeland Security. The TM advised the Harbormaster that there would be no issue with the storage tanks being located in the same proximity as the electrical panel to supply power to Peddocks Island. Mr. Smith was waiting to be contacted by BOS Chairman Oliveri.

The HHMC also made a list of places in Boston Harbor and harbors down the coast where fuel is available:

Location	Gas	Diesel
Donahues Marina	X	
Hingham Yacht Club	X	X
Hewitts Cove	X	X
Tern Harbor Marina	X	X
Quincy Yacht Club	X	X
Bay Pointe Marina	X	X
Town River Yacht Club	X	X
Marina Bay	X	X
Savin Hill Yacht Club	X	
East Boston	X	X
Mystic River	X	X
Terrell Fuel Services	X	X
Scituate Harbor	X	X
Green Harbor	X	X

Chamber of Commerce: Ms. Chisholm gave copies of the harbor brochures she had for various harbors along the coast to Alex McDonald the President of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is trying to develop a brochure for Hull and would try to incorporate some information regarding the harbor into their brochure.

New Business:

Mr. Mahoney noted that Hull has a good representation in the new Edition of the Embassy Guide Book. He proposed having the HHMC write a current excerpt on Hull listing marine facilities and tourist attractions and having it submitted to other guide books.

Harbormaster Report:

James Ave landing is being finished and the parking lot will be paved and lined for parking. The Harbormaster has signs being made to identify the piers and wharfs in town by name so that tourists will know where they are. Eventually the hope is all access points will have signage as this was a recommendation of the Harbor Management Plan and also a priority for this committee.

Adjournment: Mr. Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Spinale. A unanimous vote was taken to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM