

Hull Harbor Management Committee

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Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2006

In Attendance: Myron Smith, Chairman; David Ray, Vice Chairman; Jay Fleck, Clerk; Sally Chisholm, Bill McKeon, Peter Mahoney, Members;

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 on Tuesday March, 27 2006 by Chairman Smith.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 27, 2006 meeting were approved on a unanimous vote as written on a motion by Mr. Mahoney that was seconded by Mr. McKeon.

Old Business:

Meeting with Town Manager: Mr. Fleck and Mr. Smith recapped their meeting with the Town Manager and Selectman Joan Meschino. From the meeting the Town Manager advised that the HHMC schedule a site visit with Jack Sheppard to view the proposed sites for new launch ramp adjacent to the Hull Yacht Club as well as other sites in town.

Meeting with Jack Sheppard: The HHMC agreed to have Mr. McKeon set up a visit by Mr. Jack Sheppard of the Public Access Board to come to Hull and review existing launch ramp sites as well as the proposed new site. The members also wanted to have Mr. Sheppard view James Ave Landing and Pemberton to hear his comments on these sites so that all options are covered.

With regard to the existing ramp at Steamboat Wharf it was suggested that we approach the Public Access board about repairing this ramp so that it can be used to launch canoes and kayaks since it is a main point of access to the Weir River. Mr. McKeon will contact Mr. Sheppard and set up a time to visit Hull that is convenient to Mr. Sheppard and Mr. McKeon will advise the committee members.

Dredging and Pilings: The dredging and piling replacement around Steamboat Wharf has been approved. It has been mentioned that a project manager will be required to oversee the permitting and completion of this project. The consensus of the committee was that this may be a full time position requiring an engineer. The HHMC will request a job description with the qualifications needed for the position and revisit the topic at a later date.

New Business:

Harbormaster Letter: The Harbormaster has asked the HHMC to write the Town Manager a letter asking to amend the article on the Town Meeting Warrant in regards to funding for engineering for a boat ramp. The Harbormaster has asked that the language include Allerton Harbor in addition to Steamboat Wharf as a proposed site.

The HHMC discussed the topic and decided against writing a letter to ask that the language be changed. Instead the HHMC will offer a substitute motion at the Town Meeting with money amount and location determined based on the recommendations of Jack Sheppard.

Harbormasters Accounts: There was discussion about the Harbormasters Enterprise Account and the Waterways Account and how these accounts are funded and used. The HHMC will ask the Harbormaster at future meeting to explain the funding of these accounts. The HHMC wants to have access to funds to do repair and maintenance to piers and other access points to the harbor throughout town.

Homepage Website: Mr. Fleck has contacted the town's IT coordinator and requested that the HHMC be given a homepage on the Town of Hull Website. The IT coordinator will be furnished with names and information regarding HHMC, its members, and goals. The HHMC hopes to have a map of all of the access points to the harbor throughout town posted on the website. The map will have electronic links that describe each location and contain digital photos of the areas.

Access Points: Committee members divided up the 30 access points identified in the original Harbor Management Plan among the members. The members would visit the sites they were assigned and make notes of the condition and services available, in addition to taking digital photos of the spots if possible. All of this information will be posted to the HHMC website.

Adjournment: Mr. Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Chisholm. A unanimous vote was taken to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02PM.