

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING  
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM**

**May 30, 2013  
5:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The May 30, 2013 Tremont Harbor Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Crossman at 5:08 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were Chairman Jon Crossman, Members Mel Atherton, Wayne Rich, Spencer Ervin and Mike Ryan, Town Manager Millard Billings. Guests present were Chris Eaton, Dean Wass, Katherine Walsh, Carlton Johnson and Mike Slater.

Chairman Jon Crossman expressed a thank you to both Dean Wass and Wayne Rich for their service on the Harbor Committee and expressed the opinion that if situations should change they would be welcome back on the Committee.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3A. Minutes of Regular April 25, 2013**

**Motion** was made by Harbor Committee Member Mike Ryan with a second by Mel Atherton to approve the minutes of April 25, 2013 as written. Motion was approved by vote 4-0-1. Spencer Ervin abstained as he was absent for that meeting.

**3B. Minutes of Emergency Meeting May 10, 2013**

**Motion** was made by Harbor Committee Member Spencer Ervin with a second by Mike Ryan to approve the minutes of May 10, 2013 as written. Motion was approved by vote 4-0-1. Wayne Rich abstained as he was absent for that meeting.

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Copies of the Wharf, Harbor, Dredging and Seal Cove Facilities Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ending April 30, 2013 were distributed among the Committee Members and Town Manager Billings gave a brief report on the status of each item. Chairman Crossman asked a question concerning the Wharf Account overdraft. Town Manager Billings explained that it was caused by the purchase of the Closson Property as well as continued normal operating costs, with not much income likely until September when Wharf permit renewals occur. The bank loan was approved at Town Meeting for \$200,000.00. Those papers would be signed by the Select Board on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and the bank closing was scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> 2013. The following day that money will show as income and this account will have a large balance. No further action was taken by the Committee. (see attached)

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **5A. Carlton Johnson request to attach a new float to existing Float System.**

Carlton Johnson was present to request permission to attach a new float to his existing float system at Up-Harbor Marine. Mr. Johnson presented the Harbor Committee with a drawing and two pictures of a float temporarily attached to the float system in the location he was request permission to attach a float on a permanent basis. (see attached)

Harbor Committee members asked questions concerning the new floats proximity to the Federal Dredge Line and to abutting riparian lines.

Mr. Johnson assured the Harbor Committee that the new float was not in the Federally Dredged Area and did not encroach on any riparian lines.

**Motion** was made by Spencer Ervin with a second by Wayne Rich to approve the application for a new float as presented by Carlton Johnson. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.

### **6A. Bernard Boat Launch Facilities Expansion Project**

At the request of Carlton Johnson agenda item 6A the Bernard Boat Launch Facilities Expansion Project was discussed out of order.

Town Manager Billings reported that at the prior Select Board meeting the problem with boats having a problem launching and being sucked in behind the northern dingy float that is attached to the Eastern Float system. The quick fix was to remove the outer float on the new northern string of floats at the ramp. This was only a temporary measure until a new Harbormaster was hired and could review the problem and propose a solution.

Various ideas were discussed and most were found to have a design problem of one type or other. It was decided to take no action at this time but wait until a new harbormaster could make recommendations.

### **5B. Report on Status of Harbormaster Search**

Town Manager Billings reported that the Harbormaster search was scheduled to end on June 6, 2013 and he had received three applications for the position as well as other applications had been taken out but not returned. The Select Board was scheduled to meet on June 17, 2013 and if the Harbor Committee could make a recommendation on June 13, 2013, possibly an appointment could be made at the June 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

The Harbor Committee expressed the desire to meet on June 6, 2013 after the Search ended and at least interview the first three applicants that night and any remaining applicants on June 13 and then make a recommendation on June 13 to be presented to the Select Board for their meeting on June 17, 2013.

**5C. 2013 Reappointments to Harbor Committee; Mel Atherton, Wayne Rich and Spencer Ervin are the members whose terms that expire June 30, 2013.**

Harbor Committee members Mel Atherton and Spencer Ervin expressed their interest in being reappointed for another term as Harbor Committee Members. Harbor Committee member Wayne Rich declined to be reappointed as his schedule with baseball would not allow him the time.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**6B. Status of Harbor Committee Request for Loan**

Explanations were discussed during the financial report no further action was taken.

**7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

There were no further items to discuss under this agenda item

**9. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME IN LATE AND ARE FOR THE BOARDS INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN, UNLESS BOARD REQUESTS IT BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.**

**10. ADJOURN**

**Motion** was made by Mel Atherton with a second by Jon Crossman to adjourn at 6:06 PM. Motion was approved by vote 5-0.