

**Harbor Committee Meeting Minutes
Rockport Town Office - Richardson Room**

**Tuesday, September 5, 2017
5:15 p.m.**

**Abbie Leonard
Jeff Hamilton**

Parker Hackett

Sam Temple

Guest: Scott Bickford, Town of Rockport Code Enforcement Officer

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Sam Temple, Chair

1. Review of proposed Ordinance change amendment revised draft:

Feedback from the town attorney was to strike out the last sentence, everything else is acceptable.

Motion made to approve the language of the revised draft amendment to the ordinance as it reviewed and approved by the town lawyer.

Parker motioned the above, Jeff seconded, 3 in favor. 0 against.

Motion to vote to recommend or not recommend to the town Select Board the amendment as written.

Parker seconded. 0 in favor, 3 against recommending this amendment as written.

The current situation in the harbor is in the hands of the Town and for the town leadership to address.

Going forward:

Jeff suggested the harbor committee work on a general special exception procedure amendment this winter similar to the town land use ordinance procedure such that it would apply to any issue outlined in the ordinance.

Scott Bickford- described the land use ordinance procedure.

He discussed the difference between a special exception and a permanent variance in the process

Sam – we are creating an exception process

Scott –A variance is permanent and has to be recorded. Can you do a variance on the water?

2. Harbormaster's Report:

Weather monitor is on top of the building. Rain gauge and in-depth information. Webcam will be the next step.

72 hours before a hurricane – protocol. Discuss with Camden.

Recommendations to haul out of the water or not at the 72-hour mark.

3. Other Business:

Floating pot warp continues to be an issue in the harbor. Props and shafts are getting fouled.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Everyone reviewed the minutes from August 29, 2017.

Parker motioned to approve. Jeff seconded. 3-0 in favor.

5. Next Meeting:

The next Harbor Committee meeting will be on Thursday, October 5th at 5:15 in the Richardson Room.

6. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.