

Town of Rockport Harbor Committee Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2019

Richardson Room

Present: Sam Temple, Abbie Leonard, Nancy Albertson, Doc Wallace, Peter Ralston, Scott Whitman

New Business:

- 8/29/19 Minutes approved with following revision; strike and amend comment:
 - Sam proposed the consideration for Mainly Lobster ~~to own and wholly operate the space,~~ **to wholly operate the space and own the** docks, etc. for which the logistics for the same was discussed and concluded highly complicated and challenging.
- Marine Park Harbor Rental Application/Agreement was reviewed and motion to accept was unanimously approved.
- Marine Park Harbor Fee Schedule was reviewed, and discussion followed:
 - Abbie proposed a line item and fee be added for “Guest Moorings” – will require an ordinance revision and will be deferred to December agenda.
 - River Dingy tie off fee: change to \$125/Rockport resident and **\$200/non-resident**
 - Overnight Dockage/Commercial Passenger Vessels; change fee to \$40.00
 - **Cancellation fee instated** for vessels 50’ or greater; a minimum charge of one night shall be imposed for any reservation not cancelled within **48 hours** of arrival.
 - Motion to accept fees as discussed was unanimously approved

Other Business:

- Commercial lease agreement continuing discussion concerning Mainly Lobster
 - Jeff Woodman (owner of Mainly Lobster) and Bill Post, Rockport Town Manager will be invited to the November 14 committee meeting.
 - Discussion - implementing a per pound fee based on annual catch
 - Discussion - does the town subsidize a commercial operation with taxpayer dollars? Does the town continue to maintain gear/infrastructure for a commercial operation? Or lease the space and continue to maintain the pier/pillars?
 - Lease renewal is 12/31/19
 - Considered idea to increase lease agreement to \$3,500/year with increase of \$200/year up to \$4,500 over a five-year span.
 - Discussion – remove town dumpster between Rockport Marine and Mainly Lobster
 - Discussion to be continued at next meeting
- Use of town landing space for boat repairs
 - Discussion and review of incidents this summer concerning emergency haul outs and repairs. Rockport Marine hauled 3 vessels and different boat yards sent

laborers to town landing to work on repairs as apposed to transporting vessels to boat yards.

- Committee recommends that vessels taking up town landing space for emergency repairs be charged a \$250 deposit. We do not want to “advertise” this service but would like to have something in place to maintain accountability for services utilizing the town landing.

Harbor Master’s Report:

- Delinquent mooring owner has been taken care of.
- 2019 Revenue projection: Budget due by 12.15.19
- Harbor Concert Series – changing name to “**Happenings on the Harbor**” and will include the holiday on the harbor and the 3 summer concerts. Looking for sponsorships that will pay one price for all four events. Volunteer committee is meeting regularly to coordinate. Also needs more backing from a volunteer base. Looking for a food vendor for Happenings on the Harbor.
- Will have materials to look at in regard to proposed budget work at the next meeting

Next meeting: Thursday, November 14; 5:15pm, Richardson Room; Rockport Town Office

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Albertson

10/21/19