

# Harbor Committee Meeting Agenda Rockport Town Office - Richardson Room

Thursday, October 5, 2017

5:15 p.m.

Parker Hackett  
Jeff Hamilton

Sam Temple  
Abbie Leonard

Barbara Chapman

Sam Temple called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm

## 1. Update regarding Ordinance changes:

- Parker attended the last Select Board meeting where the boat length in the inner harbor issue was discussed. Parker stated the Select Board was not excited about changing the ordinance.
- Parker – must have had an impact on the select board
- Abby – asked Mark what was the history of the Timberwind Schooner float?
- Parker – Patrick was effective when speaking with the Select Board
- The Select Board delayed the enforcement of violation.
- The issue of change to the harbor ordinance will be put on the ballot in June – harbor committee was charged with making the ordinance special exception application process all inclusive – not just limited to boat length issues
- Jeff – is willing to go over last exception process proposal and edit again to achieve the above for harbor committee review.
- Abbie – will ask the town lawyer which portions of the harbor ordinance can have special exceptions.
- We will schedule a Workshop to go over the Ordinance, then we will have a regular meeting after to review the fee schedules. We will invite someone from the ORC, Planning and Codes and the Town or Rockport Lawyer. It will be helpful to review the special exception language amendment with other committee members.
- The Town will send out another prenotice of violation date to Kenny and change the date to June 2018 instead of November 2017.

## **2. Harbormaster's Report:**

- December 9<sup>th</sup> is the Holiday on the Harbor and Abby is looking for volunteers to fill bags, put them out and pick them up afterward. The committee will be filling bags on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Mooring turnovers got lost in the system. So instead of paying for the mooring in the fall, we will wait till the spring, so people are not billed twice.
- Maintenance is currently being done in the bathrooms.
- The end of the month the town will start pulling floats.

## **3. Other Business:**

- Sam said that Rockport Marine was waiting on hauling private docks, looking at different and better ways to moving their docks.
- Thoughts about inner harbor moorings, sailboats renting on one of the Scotts moorings

## **4. Approval of Minutes:**

Jeff motioned to approve the minutes from September 5, 2017. 4-0 in Favor.

## **5. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm as a workshop to amend the Harbor Ordinance to prepare for the June Elections. After the workshop we will then have a regular meeting to discuss the fee schedule.

- Send out invitations to the below for assistance and guidance:  
The Town Manager Rick Bates, The Town of Rockport Lawyer  
The Harbor Committee Select Board Liaison Douglas Cole  
The Chair of the Ordinance Review Committee, Richard Remsen  
The Town of Rockport Planning Director Jamie Francomano  
The Town of Rockport Code Enforcement Officer Scott Bickford

The Harbor Committee will show up with a draft of the Proposed Changes. Abbie will get Harbor Ordinances from other Harbors for examples to go by.

## **6. Adjourn:**

The Harbor Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.