

Harbor Committee Minutes Richardson Room

Thursday, May 24, 2018
5:15 p.m.

Sam Temple
Abbie Leonard

Jeff Hamilton
Peter Ralston

Mike Young
Doug Cole

1. Committee Membership:

Liaison report with Doug, we need suggestions on how to remove Barbara from the committee due to poor attendance. Move Parker Hackett up to a regular member from alternate. Have the Select Board send a letter to Barbara. We will then need more applications to fill the position of a new alternate.

Recommendation to send Mainely Lobster (Scott Whitman and Jason) a thank you note from the committee for cleaning up. Jeff offered to write a letter and give to Sam, he will sign the letter and mail out.

2. Harbormaster's report:

Abbie been busy turning over moorings. There were 8 turnovers, 2 had been on the list for 16 years.

Mooring trades, swapped with someone with smaller boats.

Kenny has put his boat back in. He did give Abbie a letter, but she doesn't have any place to put him. Wait till the June vote and see how to move forward.

Ramp dock is in.

Dinghy docks are finished with nonskid.

New floats are waiting for new brackets.

Jeff recommended some type of handrail, chain or barrier, will be a safety improvement, left on the pier. The step up and opening is huge going up the ramp.

Spoke with Gary Nevells regarding the pilings, they were all swinging and will cause some issues with the seawall. They are all structural, but are causing more harm than damage.

We had our MMA walkthrough (town insurance company) discussed the parking lot before the pier, still open, would need something temporary until it can be fixed permanently.

Overall went very well.

There was a winter storage question regarding the Town liability policy. We need to have Phil look at policy to make sure we are covered and get a copy back to MMA.

Discussed the memorial benches at the Harbor. We really have enough granite benches.

Wooden park benches with dedication on the back of them, works well. Suggestion to invite the Parks Committee chair to a meeting to discuss on how to move forward.

We need benches with low or no maintenance. It would be nice to have a policy regarding how many benches, and who to allow, current and former residents.

Andre's face is gone and is currently being restored, estimated completion date still unknown at this time.

There will be an event at the Harbor on June 28th, the Rockport Harbor Festival – Sail into Summer. Holiday on the Harbor has hired Jason Spooner Band and Ale House String Band.

Eliza is back for the summer and is working on unpaid mooring fees that were due May 1st. Fees are \$50.00 by June 1st - \$100.00 on July 1st then they lose their mooring.

The Marine Park Attendant is still open and have not received any applications.

Boats are going in the water pretty steady right now.

We have a demand for more kayak racks. Gentleman came in and will build one and donate it to the harbor. Will present drawing to the Select Board.

3. Other Business:

Peter told us that his boat was stolen.

Mike said it would be nice to have the police monitor the Harbor more.

Jeff said at night time the lights and cameras need to be working to monitor the Harbor.

Doug was concerned about a West Rockport resident, he is a local tradesman and said it is getting harder and harder to go to the harbor and fish.

Abbie said she would remove the no fishing sign from the new floats on a trial basis to see how it works.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Jeff motioned to approve the Harbor committee meeting minutes from April 12, 2018.
Peter seconded. 3-0 approved.

5. Next Meeting:

- a. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 19th at 5:15 at the Harbor.

6. Adjourn:

- a. Jeff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Peter seconded, 3-0 all in favor.