

Harbor Committee Minutes

Thursday, September 27, 2018

5:15 p.m.

Mike Young
Abbie Leonard
Kim Kimball
Fred Ribbeck
Lora Laffan
Doug Cole

Sam Temple
Jeff Hamilton
Gretchen Leone
Peter Ralston
Mike Ricker

Parker Hackett
Scott Whitman
Maggie Timmerman
Bob Kennedy
Taylor Allen

Meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

1. New Business:

a. Discussed Unencapsulated Polystyrene floats with Conservation Commission Committee

i. Peter's recap;

- Attended the Conservation Commission meeting, it was a good meeting.
- Discussed an environmental issue.
- Collaboration working together.
- Everyone needs to be on the same page.
- The current issue for resolution is to determine the normal life expectancy of current floats and determine at what point in time the Ordinance will state they need to be replaced.

ii. Meeting Comments:

- Lora asked what is the expected life span. There was no answer. Have everyone come down to the harbor and see what they look like when they come out of the water.
- Would like to understand cost of replacement.
- Maggie said there is a big range.
- Sam said various floats are 12-15k per float, depending on the size of the float.
- Rockport Marine has 25-30 unencapsulated. Own half.
- Maggie asked if they can be retrofitted.
- Sam – I'm sure anything can be custom made.

- Fred has seen some options on Amazon Sam said there is a difference with the unencapsulated floats.
- Maggie complete rebuild \$25-30k
- Sam said 3 floats were built last year, life expectancy is 35 years
- Kim said that every float will need to be looked at differently. Some are grandfathered. There is not an urgency to have this go on the ballot and a need to have a forum and have everyone in the community discuss.
- Lakes are not a problem right now.
- Kim said that Camden passed the law, Rockport should follow suit?
- Maggie said that we do not know that answer
- Taylor said with the encapsulated the Styrofoam paint is securely fastened and painted and held in place
- Maggie asked about the micro size pieces.
- Taylor said that these are not coming from these floats.
- Maggie asked how to make an ordinance define one specific float design going forward.
- Bob - General Agreement for new floats, painted are sufficient.
- Peter – All new and additional floats should be encapsulated
- Sam – right now it is not environmental problem, build with new materials and with what the Town wants.
- Maggie – concerned high school kids will take out citizen’s initiative
- Lora – we should not rush into a decision.
- Peter – New float standards to be established
- Mike -98% of floats get pulled in the Harbor
- Sam – none of them are dragged, they are all pulled out with the crane.
- Mike – regarding new construction, more homework will need to be done.
- Maggie will reach out to Camden and find out what they did.
- Mike – every other year there could be enforceable inspections of all harbor floats which would address the sunset/replacement issue
- Include Abbie and Mike with Rick – establish criteria and determine cost to do these inspections

- Thanksgiving would be a good time to go down to the Harbor to look at the floats, because they will all be pulled. We could take a video of what we look at.
- Formal invitation to Sadie Mills, she is a senior at the high school and also does the lake monitoring.
- Determine types of foam
- Get copies of the Camden research
- Propose students from High School meeting at the Harbor
- Pick a few people from each committee to take on these actions

b. Discuss Float Construction (potential addition to the Rockport Harbor and Coastal Waters Ordinances)

i. See above

c. Review Applications for Special Exception

- i. Kenneth Dodge – See Abbie’s memo
Scott motioned to approve, Parker second, 3-0 in favor
- ii. Mainly Lobster and Seafood – See Abbie’s memo
Scott motioned to approve, Peter second. 3-0 in favor

d. Discuss Memorial Benches

- i. Parks Committee Gretchen Leone gave us an inventory list to review. The plan of a bench going forward is to pick the same design going forward so they all look alike. Replace all the ones that have come to end-of-life. Memorial benches are \$8000 and to determine how many and where they are going to go. Plan going forward, and placing of the benches. It is in the Parks committee hands right now. Would like suggestions from the harbor committee, find something that is not easy to move, but mobile and long lasting, with low maintenance. Memorial granite in the harbor - there are already too many. Parks Committee will come up with a design.

e. Review Fee Schedule for 2019

- i. Recommendation to the Select Board to discuss and double the rental fees for park use (weddings, etc). Create a revised fee structure for new events and request rental committee to discuss. Continue discussion at the next meeting.

2. Other Business:

a. Discuss the progress of the walk thru list:

- i. Finish discussion at the next meeting.

b. Reminder - October 29th FOAA – 6:00 Rockport Opera House

3. Harbormaster's report

- a. None at this time

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. August 23, 2018 – approve at the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting:

- a. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. at the Harbor

6. Adjourn:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.