



Town of Southwest Harbor Harbor Committee

January 13th, 2014 at 6:30pm

Attendance

Committee members: Dan Bartlett, Corey Pettegrow, Nick Madeira, Brian Walls, Joel Harper, Andy Mays

Excused Absences:

Unexcused Absences:

Harbor Master: Adam Thurston

Selectmen:

Public:

I. Call to Order / Role Call

Everyone introduced themselves.

II. Acceptance of Minutes

Acceptance of December 9th 2013 minutes.

Andy made motion to accept minutes.

Nick seconded.

Vote (6-0)

III. Visitors to be Heard

None.

IV. Harbor Masters Report

Adam will have the first budget meeting with the selectmen tomorrow. He is looking at 1% decrease from last year to help even the gap between expenses and revenue.

Adam has been notified that there has been a change in the Jenkins pier project on Greenings Island. Greg Johnston will be presenting the changes at the next harbor meeting.

The sail center is looking into building a large float for their spot on Greenings Island they will be putting together a proposal for the project.

V. Fisherman Float Update

Selectman will need additional information from town attorneys to make sure the town will not be liable for any damage or bodily injury that the float causes. Adam hopes to have the information soon.



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VI. Ordinance Review

Adam brought in four examples of houseboat ordinances to compare. (*See attached*) The committee wanted to include floating businesses in the house boat discussion. In the Stonington Harbor ordinance floating businesses are allowed in limited numbers and designated areas. The committee would like to see the same in our ordinance, along with the definition of a floating business.

The committee went through the ordinance examples and decided that Scarborough's was best fitted for Southwest Harbor. Adam will take the information from Stonington's section on floating businesses and add it to Scarborough's house boat section to present a new houseboat ordinance with definitions.

VII. Comments for the good of the committee

Joel mentioned that he has been witnessing misuse of the town dock by non-residents. Adam said that he will look into the situation.

VIII. Suggestions for

Ordinance review.

IX. Adjournment

Dan made motion to adjourn.
Andy seconded.

Vote (6-0)