

FISH CREEK HARBOR COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2007
7:30 A.M.
GIBRALTAR COMMUNITY CENTER

Approval Pending

Call to Order: The meeting of the Fish Creek Harbor Commission closed session was called to order by Dave Harris, chairman at 7:40 a.m.

Members present: Dave Harris, Joel Blahnik, Leigh Zielke and Paul Woerfel
Members absent: Brian Merkel

Also present: Dock Master Bruce Bishop

Approve Minutes: It was moved by Blahnik and seconded by Zielke to approve the minutes of May 2, 2007 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Dock Master Report: Bishop reported that the electric and water working well. Gas prices have gone up \$3.83. The First Aid and CPR classes will be scheduled for the week of June 7th or 11th. Help is working out well may need someone very flexible part time.

The mooring inspections are due next year. This season 3 moorings have broken off. Bishop recommended sending out a letter with the federal regulations to let mooring holders get an early start. The tagging program has gone well. Buoy regulations will be enforced next year. Buoy tackle is good for this year. Once inspected it is good for 3 more years. The commission will be enforcing what is currently in the ordinance. Zielke has compliant buoys for \$150.

The formulated letter should include:

- Mooring inspections are due for next spring
- If boat is put on non regulation buoy it will be replaced at the owners expense
- This year is the first year for documentation of tackle by tagging mooring tackle
- Failure to have the designated boat on the mooring for the specified time required for 2 consecutive years will result in mooring reassignment
- Dock master is tagging.

It was moved by Woerfel and seconded by Blahnik to draft letter as discussed. Motion carried with Zielke out of the room.

Regarding Karels slip Bishop will contact John Karels for any Retreat House documentation.

Chair Report: Harris stated the permit has been approved for the boathouse remodeling. Harris will contact Isakson for state approved plans.

Pedestal Invoice: Harris detailed the pedestal invoice. Harris stated it was a commission decision to go with the smaller pedestals. It was moved by Woerfel and seconded by Blahnik to pay the bill at the best price with the understanding to have Yacht Works contact the vendor. Motion carried unanimously.

East Dock: Woerfel proposed that a permanent finger pier with signage "No overnight docking" be placed between the 2 slips at the East dock on Chambers Island It could be attached to the turning post by Mike Kahr. One of the finger piers at the Town Shop could be used. The distance from dock to well casing is approximately 55'. Blahnik and Harris will measure the distances and best layout; Zielke will measure the finger piers at the Shop. It was moved by Woerfel and seconded by Blahnik to put in a finger pier to best use the space available. Motion carried unanimously.

Dock Gate/Handicapped Access: Harris stated that this is an issue. The gate has been kept closed to keep vehicle traffic off the dock. A practical handicapped access needs to be created. Bruce will draw up a pedestrian access point that would be handicapped accessible to the east of the current gate.

Boat Launch Repair: Harris stated the hump at the Retreat Dock ramp is the width of the ramp. Mike Neal was contacted and considered it maintenance dredging. Kerry Webb of the DNR stated that emergency dredging does not trump spawning. Harris will call Webb today. Zielke spoke to Paschke who has equipment that would be able to drill off the hump.

Chevron Parking on Maple Street: Ken Harrington of the Parks and Lands Committee stated that they have been looking for ways to improve area parking. Maple Street is not as wide as others as others that have chevron parking. The street is 38' wide. Chevron parking on the south side was recommended. Numerous trees would need to be trimmed on the north side (Clark Park) to accommodate the higher boat traffic. The Clark Park side would be marked a tow away zone. Improved signage "NO THRU TRAFFIC" at South East corner would be added and Kinsey-Jauquet stated she has spoken to the Town Chairman regarding this. It was moved by Harris and seconded by Blahnik to take into account the Parks & Lands work and continue looking into the change. Motion carried unanimously.

Internet and Cable Services: Harris stated that at present it is cost prohibitive with fees at \$269 per slip. Woerfel will ask an electrician about trenching at the parking lot and Clark Park.

Riley Access Modification Request: McNinch stated they would like to keep the situation simple. McNinch asked if he could purchase a 10' collapsible aluminum personal ramp. After use it would be chained up. It was moved by Harris and seconded by Zielke to let McNinch have a personal ramp and have secured when not in use. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Date for Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for June 26th. Harris stated that the holiday fireworks would be placed on the next agenda. The Fish Creek Civic Association will be advised.

Open Discussion: Harris stated that all personnel issues should go to him and Harris will forward to Bishop.

Zielke stated a small light is out on the center lighthouse light on the dock. Harris will call Le Clair. Zielke also stated that water brakes need to be on pedestals and removed at the end of the season. Woerfel will locate vendor for water brakes (36).

Harris stated that the barge loading ramp is on hold until the end of the season per the stipulation made with the Town Board. Woerfel and Merkel need parking passes; Bishop will take care of this.

Adjourn: It was moved by Woerfel and seconded by Zielke to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer