

**FISH CREEK HARBOR COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007**  
**7:30 A.M.**  
**GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER**

*Approval Pending*

**Call to Order:** The meeting of the Fish Creek Harbor Commission session was called to order by Dave Harris, chairman at 7:33 a.m.

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

Also present: Dock Master Bruce Bishop

**Approve Minutes:** It was moved by Zielke and seconded by Woerfel to approve the minutes of May 29, 2007 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**Dock Master Report:** Bishop reported the staff has completed CPR and First Aid training. The AED will be acquired next year so that the model purchased is consistent with those used by the First Responders and Emergency Services. Merkel stated that National Incident Management System (NIMS) certification must be completed by 9/1/07; lack of the certification will have an impact on the ability of the Town to receive grant funds. Bishop and Harris will be completing the necessary certification by the deadline. Additional staff will be scheduled for the holiday and the restrooms will be kept open longer.

**Chair Report:** Harris stated that the company who Yacht Works ordered the Hatteras pedestals from would not waive any of the restocking or freight charges. The commission agreed to sell the unusable 5 Hatteras pedestals outright thus minimizing the loss. The cost of each pedestal was \$508. Mike Kahr will pass along pedestal literature to interested individuals. Harris recommended posting an online ad as well. Hagen will follow up with Jon Stahl on payment of the balance.

Mark Isaksen is working on detailed drawings for the boathouse. A state approved plan is not required due to the size of the project. Merkel asked Harris to double check on that requirement.

The Chambers Island pier as discussed at the last meeting will not be put in until this fall. There are no floating piers at the Town Shop to use. Kahr stated that if one were available it would be more problematic to retrofit than to make a new one.

**Fireworks:** Brian Hackbarth stated Zambelli would like to load the barge on Thursday instead of Friday with a loading window of Noon – 5 p.m. Lying up along the end of the dock or the west wall would be preferred over the Retreat dock. Zambelli would load the explosives on Friday and request use of the Dock dinghy for transport to and from the barge while it is anchored in the slue. The Commission stated everything would need to be loaded on Thursday. The end of the Town Dock or the west wall can be used for loading and the Dock dinghy for transport. A 24-hour watch by Zambelli is required as was done previously. Hackbarth requested the parking space by the bike rack be reserved for the beer truck and a staff vehicle be parked next to assure that the beer truck can be removed right a way. Zambelli will call Mike Kahr to confirm as well as schedule unloading for Saturday night or Sunday morning. The fireworks will take place at 10 p.m. Saturday evening. There will be a meeting at 8 p.m. at the Dock House for Zambelli, the Coast Guard, Gibraltar Fire Department, Gibraltar Police Department, Fish Creek Civic Association, Town Dock Officials and the Town of Gibraltar Chairman.

**Chevron Parking Proposal:** Harris queried the Commission's comments on the proposal. Zielke stated he (Fish Creek Marine) would not be able to back a boat in due to the overhead wires on Maple Street heading west to turn and back down to the launch ramps. Woerfel questioned Harrington on the width of the street (38' 3") in relation to the County standards (40') for parking requirements. Harrington had not checked the County requirements; Woerfel gave Harrington the website URL. Trees were also mentioned as an issue but could be trimmed. The recommended dead end sign is being produced by the Door County Highway Department. Harris will follow up on the sign. It was moved by Woerfel and seconded by Merkel to recommend to the Town Board

to leave the parking as is. Motion carried unanimously. Harris stated it was good to look at fresh ideas and thanked Harrington for the work done on the proposal.

**Holy Name Retreat House Request:** Harris stated the Diocese requested the Dock allow them to be billed for fuel purchases. Harris stated he had called the Diocese and requested that a credit card be kept on file at the dock for the few purchases that they have during the season; Harris has not received a response. Harris mentioned the possibility of the Retreat House interest in a diesel fuel tank being located at the dock. Hagen stated the Town Board had set precedent for sales at the Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport. All sales were to be paid for at the time of purchase. It was moved by Blahnik and seconded by Merkel to have Harris get back to the Administrator advising of the need to have a credit card kept on file. Motion carried unanimously. Merkel left the meeting at 8:09 a.m.

**Set Date for Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Discussion:** Blahnik asked that at a future meeting the Commission discuss the option of allowing commercial vessels use the dock for loading and unloading passengers. Harris recommended that the company wishing to use the facility approach the Commission with a proposal.

**Adjourn:** It was moved by Woerfel and seconded by Blahnik to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer