

FISH CREEK HARBOR COMMISSION
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER

Call to Order: The Fish Creek Harbor Commission was called to order at 7:37 a.m. by Dave Harris, chairman.

Members Present: Dave Harris, Brian Merkel, Leigh Zielke and Joel Blahnik

Member Absent: Paul Woerfel

Chair Report: Dave Harris thanked Town of Gibraltar Police Officer Andy Crowell for attending today. Brian Merkel stated the largest enforcement issue is parking. Other issues are bikes being ridden off the dock, swimming off the dock and boat trailer parking. Boat trailer parking is prohibited downtown May 15th through October 15th. Bruce Bishop will be sending out regular parking permits to slip holders and facility use purchasers. Temporary permits are also being created and will be issued only through the dock office. Law Enforcement will be brought into the joint logistics meeting for the July 4th celebration. A copy of the parking pass will be given to Officer Crowell.

The Door County Highway Department will do the prep work for the parking lot this week.

Old Boat Ramp: Zielke stated there are 2 problems: a large rock behind the ramp that is buoyed and steel that has been peeled up. Kahr will be down this week with the barge. One side of the ramp is usable yet.

Mooring Buoys: Ron Witthuhn was reassigned to #51 at the previous meeting. Witthuhn prefers to remain in #2. Mike Hanson will be reassigned to #51. Hanson is currently dealing with health issues and may not wish to take the mooring offer. Harris stated if he wishes to decline the offer he can remain on the list. Hagen will follow-up with Hanson. Bishop will inventory the buoys. Zielke has a good source for buoys. Harris recommended the commission get 2 small buoys to have on hand.

Fuel Purchasing: Harris stated 7,500 gallons of diesel were purchased at \$3.443 per gallon. 8002 gallons of unleaded fuel were purchased at \$3.344 per gallon. Yacht works will be opening May 1st. As the commission wants to remain competitively priced the issue will be tabled to the next meeting. *It was moved by Merkel and seconded by Blahnik to table the issue. Motion carried unanimously.*

Slip Change Request: Jim Blahnik requested a slip change due to the increased cost. The only potential change could be Dave Uihlein slip #1. A boat has not been put in for the last 3 years. Merkel stated he did not feel comfortable moving Uihlein. A letter will be sent reiterating the use regulations. *It was moved by Merkel and seconded by Zielke to keep the slip assignments as previously discussed at the last meeting and the balance is due on Jim Blahnik's slip. Jim Blahnik will be notified by letter on the inability to accommodate the change request this year and that he must submit a written change request for consideration next year. Motion carried unanimously.*

Staffing: Staffing is fine. There will be a pre-opening staff meeting.

Barge Loading Ramp: Hours of Operation and Fee: Discussion yielded the following issues: matt to be used in the parking lot, formal commission approval, bonding, proof of insurance, smaller barges vs. large barges, signed waivers, hours of operation, legal opinion and dock master oversight. Harris will contact legal counsel for a policy opinion. No further loading, side loading or vehicle traffic will be allowed on the main dock due to the voids. Emergency use will be considered at the time of the emergency.

Harris stated that Mike Kahr wants to load stone for Chambers Island. As this was the reason for the discounted cost for the ramp there should be no charge per Harris. Once the stone is hauled Kahr will be charged the set fee. *It was moved by Merkel and seconded by Blahnik to table for legal opinion and policy. Motion carried unanimous.*

Open Discussion: Zielke stated there are a couple of issues with the concrete. The commission will check the issues at the dock immediately following the meeting.

Adjourn: *It was moved by Merkel and seconded by Blahnik to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer