

**FISH CREEK HARBOR COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008**  
**GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER**

**Call to Order:** The Fish Creek Harbor Commission was called to order at 7:35a.m. by Dave Harris, chairman.

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

Member Absent: Paul Woerfel

Also Present: Dock Master Bruce Bishop and John Young

**Approve Minutes:** *It was moved by Merkel and seconded by Zielke to approve the minutes of April 11, 2008 and April 28, 2008 as written. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Dock Master Report:** Bishop stated a staff meeting was held last Saturday. Bishop reported the preliminary schedules are done and parking passes are being worked on today.

**Chair Report:** At 7:43 a.m. Paul Woerfel arrived. Harris stated one dinghy rack will be removed and the fuel tank pipes need to be relocated at an estimated cost of \$4,000-5,000. Woerfel had called Harris last evening and reminded him that Walt's had saved approximately 70' of piping by locating the tanks at the current location. Harris called Frank Heckenberger at 7:52 a.m. via conference call to ask for a ½ cut on the relocation cost. Heckenberger was not available so a voice mail message was left. Heckenberger called back and stated the excavation cost is \$2,000 and the balance could be billed on a time and material basis. A horseshoe will be installed to bring the pipes into compliance vs. using bollards. Bill Carpenter will have the state inspector come. A keypad will be installed on the front door. The lights are on the flagpole making it now ready to erect. The VHF antenna needs to be attached to the dock house. Soda and ice machines are pending completion of the outside. Painting is yet to be done on the railings and gates.

**Fuel Pricing:** Zielke stated the current fuel prices at Yacht Works are \$4.19 mid grade gas and \$4.49 diesel; this will be going up shortly. Quarter Deck's diesel is \$3.50 and gas is \$3.70. They bought 170,000 gallons of gas and 100,000 gallons of diesel for the season. Yacht Harbor is \$4.29 for gas; Fish Creek has mid grade gas at \$3.96 and diesel at \$4.49.

Harris stated the normal pricing is a \$0.35 mark up per gallon. Zielke stated that even with the mark up the dock stays competitive but not lower than Fish Creek BP. Bishop recommended matching the current fuel to local competitors. The commission discussion yielded having the dock master check prices on a weekly basis and adjusting the sale price accordingly. Woerfel cautioned on antitrust laws; he recommended determining a benchmark that could be used such as the local gas station or the national average. Harris stated a price would need to be set on this load and adjust on a weekly basis. Zielke stated that Quality State would fill commercial fisherman and the Retreat House Quo Vadis. Harris stated a clarification on the Retreat status would need to be made. Merkel questioned if the commission was in danger of making less than \$0.35 per gallon by using a floating benchmark. Merkel also questioned if any discounts are allowed at the airport; none are allowed. Woerfel recommended contacting the Retreat. Harris will speak with Chairman Runquist prior to contacting the Retreat. The commission is in a unique situation for them as the purchase price on the 7,500 gallons of diesel and 8,002 gallons of mid grade were purchased when fuel costs were low. *It was moved by Merkel and seconded by Blahnik to set the price of mid grade gas at \$0.15 and diesel \$0.05 above the sale prices at Fish Creek BP. Every Monday the Dock Master will re-evaluate; this is for the current fuel on hand. By using this formula the current sale price would be \$4.11 and \$4.50 for mid grade and diesel respectively. Motion carried unanimously.*

Reordering of fuel will be triggered at 4,000 gallons at which time the commission will schedule a meeting. This topic will be placed on the next agenda.

**Barge Ramp Operational Hours:** Harris stated that Mike Kahr would be hauling a large amount of stone to Chambers Island. Use of the ramp will be limited to Monday through noon Friday during the early season. Harris will contact Mike Kahr. To schedule use of the barge ramp individual will need to contact the Dock Master.

Due to voids beneath the main dock only service vehicles will be allowed on the dock. A letter will be sent to Jim Blahnik, Lamperts and Charlie Kinsey regarding this. John Fairchild has been contacted to wash off dock.

**Mooring Assignment:** Mike Hanson declined the #51 mooring offer. Jon Blahnik is next on the list. *It was moved by Harris and seconded by Blahnik to offer mooring #51 to Jon Blahnik, he will have 2 years to put the appropriate size boat on the mooring or request a change. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Open Discussion:** Zielke will send an invoice to the town for 2 small buoys at the cost of \$175 each. Boats cannot be put on non-compliant mooring buoys. Mooring holders will have until June 15<sup>th</sup> at which time Charlie Kinsey will be contracted to replace non-compliant buoys on moorings. The mooring holders will then be billed.

Harris stated the dock dinghy is shot; it has been patched twice and failed. Bishop has an older Avon available for sale. This will be put on the next agenda.

Harris will pick up new charts for the dock house; Woerfel will pick up new furniture, a computer, multi function printer and refrigerator.

**Adjourn:** *It was moved by Merkel and seconded by Woerfel to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer