

**FISH CREEK HARBOR COMMISSION**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2008**  
**GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER**

**Call to Order:** The Fish Creek Harbor Commission was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Dave Harris, chairman.

Members Present: Dave Harris, Leigh Zielke, Paul Woerfel and Joel Blahnik

Members Absent: Brian Merkel

Also Present: Dock Master Bruce Bishop

**Approve Minutes:** *It was moved by Joel Blahnik and seconded by Paul Woerfel to approve the minutes of June 17, 2008 as written. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Dock Master Report:** Bruce Bishop stated the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities went well. Suggestions for next year:

- Close the boat ramps from 5-11 p.m.
- A minimum 750' buffer is required around the fireworks barge and a channel needs to be kept open for the barge as well. The distance created by anchored vessels and the buffer impacts event viewing.

Authorization issues on the pump monitor have caused problems; there is a manual override. Walt's Petroleum does not know why this is occurring. The motor on the pump has gone out on the gas pump; a reset switch has been replaced and is working at this time. The WIFI is in and working well.

Bruce Bishop stated if a boat is coming in and needs assistance they need to call the dock house on the radio.

Paul Woerfel questioned if there had been any complaints regarding the dispensing speed of diesel. He has heard of one. Both Dave Harris and Bruce Bishop responded that a choice had to be made for either safety or dispensing speed; safety was chosen. The pumping speed is about 10 gallons per minute.

**Chair Report:** Dave Harris stated 6,000 gallons of mid grade had been purchased at \$3.8157 per gallon and 2,000 gallons of diesel were purchased at \$4.0301 per gallon. The mid grade does not contain ethanol. Two vendors had submitted bids – Quality State and Sem Fuel. Sem Fuel was the low bid. Bruce Bishop added that the sale price for fuel has remained steady over the last few weeks.

To date Todd Anderson has not sent in a slip waiting list deposit. A letter will be sent to Mr. Anderson stating he must remit the deposit within 30 days or be removed from the list with no appeal.

**CI East Dock – Docking Posts Recommendation:** Dave Harris stated that as the East Dock is a permanent structure a recommendation needs to forward to the Town Board.

Ben Duran, Administrator for Holy Name Retreat House stated that in previous years the Islanders would jet in wood posts; it was not done this year. Holy Name Retreat would like to hammer in piles at the Retreat transient slips and add as cost allows 3- 3' wide by minimum 20' long wood clad piers. The distance between the posts is 28'. The Retreat is proposing to have it all constructed this year.

Paul Woerfel commented that if for whatever reason the Retreat would be sold that these improvements would revert to the town per the lease agreement. Concern was expressed that Mike Kahr should complete the town transient slips at the East Dock prior to moving forward with the Retreat project (pending approval). Dave Harris added that Mike Kahr is not able to complete the town project until the barge loading area is completed and the Quo Vadis moved. Bruce Bishop asked how the new town

transient slip spaces would be handled. Dave Harris responded they would fall under the same rules as the Fish Creek Town Dock transient rules. Given their location it will be a work in progress and will be put on the next agenda.

*It was moved by Dave Harris and seconded by Paul Woerfel to recommend to the Town Board of the Town of Gibraltar that this be ok'd based on the cost of the whole project falling on the Holy Name Retreat House and any permits required need to be obtained by Holy Name or the town, as the owner of the property. If there were any cost for the permit it would be reimbursed to the town. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Mooring Assignment:** Ted Keneklis, mooring holder #47, sent a letter relinquishing his anchorage space. Bill Reichert is the current highest point individual on the waiting list. *It was moved by Paul Woerfel and seconded by Joel Blahnik to reassign mooring #47 to Bill Reichert. Motion carried unanimously.* Brian Merkel arrived 9:08 a.m.

**Temporary Slip Lease per Ordinance #88-4:** Section 3 #7 and 8 were read by Dave Harris. The issue is needing to know when a permanent slip holder would be returning. Given that information the Dock Master would be able to determine if the slip could be used for a transient rental. Discussion included requiring cell phone numbers to not renting assigned slips. A reminder could be put in next year's lease letter requesting lessees notice the dock staff. The suggestions reduced to when renting an assigned slip it is part of the agreement that the transient enters into that they may be required to leave prior to 11 a.m. Assigned slips will only be rented on a daily basis.

**Open Discussion:** Leigh Zielke questioned when Mike Kahr would fill the hole at the end of the Quo ramp. Dave Harris will follow-up with him.

Harold Hawk asked what the policy was on changing the combination for the restrooms. Bruce Bishop stated that changing the combination is a huge issue; changing the combination took 2 hours previously. Dave Harris will call John Young to have the locks replaced with user-friendly combination locks and to have the balance of the repairs/punch list completed.

**Adjourn:** *It was moved by Paul Woerfel and seconded by Brian Merkel to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen, CMC  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer