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**FISH CREEK HARBOR COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013  
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER  
5:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** The Fish Creek Harbor Commission was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Dave Harris, Chairman.

**Roll Call/ Quorum:** Harris stated that a quorum of the Commission was present. Members present: Dave Harris, Brian Merkel, Rick Hecker and Paul Woerfel joined by telephone. Absent: Joel Blahnik  
Also present: Brian Holan – Dock Master

**Proper Notice/ Adopt Agenda:** *Motion: (Hecker, Merkel) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried.*

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** *Motion: (Merkel, Hecker ) to approve the March 20, 2013 minutes as written. Carried.*

**Dock Master Report:** None

**Chair Report:** Harris received a call from a commercial fisherman out of Gills Rock that would like to run out of Fish Creek in May. He has a 42' gill net. He would be unloading 100# fish boxes and would slide the boxes vs. using a truck. Merkel was concerned about precedent setting. Use of the dock prior to opening and after closing has not been problematic and there has been no charge to users. It was the consensus of the Commission to allow the use prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>, revisit the issue after a year and stipulate that the dock be kept clean. Harris will follow up with Mr. Teske.

Brian Hackbarth of Parks & Lands stated the Committee is looking for an additional location for recycling bins. These would be emptied daily by maintenance. Holan agreed at locating the bins near the dock possibly in Clark Park was a good idea.

Harris spoke with Kahr regarding finishing up at the west ramp. With the water level low the finger piers on the main dock need to be lowered. Harris will determine how much to lower. Maintenance will be scheduled for this. Kahr estimated a cost of \$500-1,000 to assist with the lowering of the fuel dock. A notification will need to be sent to slip holders that no boats will be allowed at the dock early.

**Public Comment:** None

**Amend Ordinance 88-04:** Merkel stated legal counsel is drafting an ordinance regarding "False or Fraudulent Use of Documents." This stems from parking pass duplications. The ordinance will be a stand alone for the municipality. In addition Merkel suggested amending Ordinance 88-4 to include a may/shall lose their slip/mooring as an increased penalty. Counsel also

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recommended that slip/mooring holders be notified of the change to the ordinance prior to the open of the dock. Commission members felt that the loss of a slip/mooring on a first offense would be excessive. *Motion: (Hecker, Woerfel) to put the fine in place for using false or fraudulent use of documents of \$200 and the second offence may lose their slip or mooring. Carried. Ayes: Harris, Woerfel and Hecker Opposed: Merkel*

**Employment Applications:** Holan stated he is nearly finished; he has 2 more interviews. The Commission agreed that the dock has run well under Brian Holan and was comfortable with letting Holan hire staff.

**Fish Creek Town Dock Website Progress:** Hecker has been monitoring the progress on the website and thanked Kelly for her extensive work and excellent job that she has been doing. The site is not live yet. A few minor changes are yet to be made – change out pictures, etc. For the reservation portion minimum and maximum stays, seasonal and holiday changes need to be determined. As there are only 3 transient slips they need to be maximized in the most efficient manner. Woerfel stress the distinction between a daily walk up and a reservation and that they should be dealt with differently. The Commission agreed that reservations would only be taken for the current year. Minimum boat length fee was discussed. Woerfel, Hecker and Holan will meet on May 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss and create a plan to bring back to the Commission. *Motion: (Woerfel, Merkel) to table until the next meeting. Carried.*

**Dock House Repair:** Harris stated the carpet needs replacement and the exterior was slated for painting. Options mentioned were tile, concrete stain or sanding the concrete and applying non-skid paint and carpet runners. *Motion: (Merkel, Hecker) to have 3 bids for tile and painting for the next meeting. Brian Holan is to determine tile choices. Carried.*

**Schedule next meeting:** Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. – Gibraltar Town Center

**Adjourn:** *Motion: (Merkel, Hecker) to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre  
Deputy Clerk