

Approved: April 29, 2015

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
HARBOR COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 MINUTES  
FISH CREEK TOWN DOCK  
7:30 A.M.**

**Call to Order:** David Harris called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

**Present:** Chairman Harris stated that a quorum of the Commission was present. Members present: Dave Harris and Brian Merkel. Paul Woerfel and Brian Holan via phone conference  
Absent: Rick Hecker

**Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda:** Harris verified the agenda had been properly noticed.

*Motion: (Merkel/Woerfel) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried*

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** *Motion: (Merkel/Harris) to approve the minutes of February 18, 2015 as written. Carried*

**Dockmaster Report:** Mike LeClair will be ordering and installing the new pedestal, will have to coordinate with Reinhard Plumbing. Staffing is good. Reservations are coming in.

Maintenance staff to do:

- Reinstall flag with new tackle and lighting
- Clean the end of the dock from Winterfest fireworks
- Replace diamond plate
- Adjust steps to the height of the fixed piers
- Check the skirting
- Clean up the willow.

**Chair Report:** No report

**Public Comment:** None

**Consider/Approve Alternate Mooring Inspection Options:** Marshall Hanks came back with Greg Detry, his business partner. He gave a summary of the underwater inspection and the work that is included. All the buoys will need to be numbered with cow tags. The cost will be \$120/buoy, additional chain may cost extra and will be billed to the mooring holder. It is best to complete the repair, at the time of inspection. All to be done this spring, weather permitting, could be completed in one week. The Town will bill the mooring holders this year and raise mooring fees \$40/year going forward.

*Motion: (Woerfel/Merkel) to adopt a mooring inspection policy, with a dive inspection and repair every three years beginning in 2015. All costs will be billed to mooring holder. Carried.*

**Remove Consideration and Recommendation of Future Uses for the West Town Dock from the Table:** *Motion: (Merkel/Woerfel) to remove Consideration and Recommendation of Future Uses for the West Town Dock from the table. Carried.*

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**Consideration and Recommendation of Future Uses for the West Town Dock:** Fish Creek Scenic Boat Tours has asked to rent the west side of the West Dock for one year. The County confirmed the conditional use will not change with the additional boats. Eric is willing to purchase fuel from the Dock. On the west side, he would rent boats by the hour, half day or whole day, with 25' and 20' pontoons, 24' power boats and jet skis. The width of the largest boat is 8.5 ft. We have 16ft of riparian rights at the bulkhead and 19ft toward the end of the Dock. Eric would like to install a floating pier. The parking of the boats would be done, along the west side by staff. Nothing would be done in the launch ramp. Beth will contact Carrie Webb to determine if a permit is needed for the piling. Lundquist will contact Rick Paulson regarding the floating dock. Woerfel highlighted other options for the use of the West dock and whether the Town could make use of the dock, with less intense activity. Seasonal rentals wouldn't be the most profitable use of the Dock, no water or electric. The Commission would like to gather more information. Eric will provide a proposal next week

*Motion: (Merkel/Woerfel) to table for a special meeting next week, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM, to then make a recommendation to the Town Board. Carried.*

**Commercial Bare Boat Use of Moorings:** Several mooring offers were declined and Rachel Nielson is next on the mooring waitlist. Since she doesn't have her Captain's license, she has removed her name from the waitlist; allowing Matt Olson to obtain the mooring. He is licensed and interested in using the mooring commercially for bare boat rentals. The Commission discussed allowing it this year, with concerns about the boat being returned early, without boat owner availability and left at the boat launch. Rachel explained renters will be instructed to phone ahead, if coming in early or late.

*Motion: (Harris/Woerfel) to allow bare boat rentals this year and review next year. Mooring holder is required to hold Captains license. Carried, Merkel Opposed.*

**Set Next Meeting Date: Motion:** April 29, 2015 at 7:30 AM

**Adjourn: Motion:** (Mekrel/Harris) to adjourn at 9:08 AM. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre  
Deputy Clerk