

Approved: April 29, 2015

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
HARBOR COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 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, Joel Blahnik and Brian Merkel. Paul Woerfel via phone conference. Absent: Rick Hecker.

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

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

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

Consideration and Recommendation of Future Uses for the West Town Dock: The Harbor Commission is to make a recommendation to the Town Board about possibly renting the West side of the West Dock. Eric Lundquist described his proposal to add a 50' floating dock and ramp, to receive boat rentals. The boats will be docked along the west side. He also added an area that would allow wheelchair accessibility to the Quo. This activity is within the Town's riparian right-of-way.

A waterway permit application would be needed to install the retrieval dock. He would need to be a co-applicant on the permit application, if he purchased any part of the floating dock. Lundquist is willing to purchase the floating dock and pay permit application fees. If challenged, a hearing may be needed and the Town could incur additional cost related to legal proceedings etc.

If the extension is not allowed. Option #2 would be to rent only the west side of the Dock. Lundquist said, a fixed catwalk would still be needed and will look into whether a permit would still be required.

The retrieval dock does not add slips, so a permit may not be needed.

The West side has 120' of rental space, no water nor electric. But includes the boat house. \$10,000 for rental of the west side and \$500 commercial fee.

Motion: (Harris/Blahnik) to recommend to the Town Board to consider applying for a permit, for the retrieval Dock and to rent the west side of the West Dock, for a period of one season to Nov. 15, 2015. If permitting is too costly, to recommend renting just the west side of the dock for 2015. All expenses to be paid by Lundquist. Suggest a rental fee of \$10,000 plus the \$500 commercial fee. Carried.

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

Adjourn: *Motion: (Merkel/Blahnik) to adjourn at 8:12 AM. Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk