

Approved: May 4, 2017

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
HARBOR COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017, MINUTES
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order: David Harris called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

Present: Chairman Harris stated that a quorum of the Commission was present. Members present: Dave Harris, Brian Merkel, Rick Hecker and Greg Swain. Via telephone: Paul Woerfel and Dockmaster, Brian Holan

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

Motion: (Hecker/Swain) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings: *Motion: (Woerfel/Swain) to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 as written. Carried*

Motion: (Merkel/Hecker) to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2017 as written. Carried

Chair Report:

Dockmaster Report: No Report

Public Comment: Mary and Richard Uhl spoke in opposition of the barge mooring.

Barge in Mooring Area: Harris contacted Kahr, he was unable to attend this evening. Harris gave a history of barge mooring within the Harbor and that it is allowed when the operator is working in the Town. It is an eyesore and property owners have complained. Kahr will be available for the next meeting.

Motion: (Swain/Merkel) to table. Carried.

Long Term Boat Trailer Parking: Harris has been approached by Chairman Skare about converting the Old Town Dump area as a long term boat trailer parking. Woerfel stated that one of the Harbor Commissioners be on a committee regarding boat trailer parking. Merkel suggested looking into the parking lot plan behind the Town Center. An issue with parking at the old dump is the logistic of vehicle parking. Length of time to transport trailers and vehicles could block the launch area.

Motion: (Woerfel/Hecker) to recommend to the Town Board that at least Paul Woerfel or another Harbor Commissioner be on the committee to design boat trailer parking. Carried.

Trailer Staging Area: The waterfront plan suggested utilizing paint to help create a staging area for the launch ramps. Would need to direct launching traffic to enter the west launch from a particular direction. The east ramp would lose parking spaces along Clark Park. Woerfel suggests contacting Eric Lundquist regarding pedestrian traffic. To move the walkway. SEH is scheduled to start the parking study 3/1-7/31, with a stakeholder meeting in March. Merkel suggests looking at the ramp area in May.

Motion: (Merkel/Woerfel) to meet at the ramps in May to look into creating a staging area. Carried

Dinghy Replacement: Late last season, the dinghy was chafed under a dock and damaged. The engine and tanks are still in working condition. An inflatable isn't the best option for the dock. Something more durable needs to be researched. Hecker suggested that rules as to how to manage and care for the dinghy be set with the dockmaster. Will obtain estimates and review budget next month.

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2017 Slip Assignments: *Motion: (Harris/Merkel) to offer the slips as discussed. Carried.*
Woerfel suggested a discussion on the rules regarding jet skis and other watercraft in the larger slips.

2017 Mooring Assignments: *Motion: (Merkel/Hecker) to offer according to waitlist. Carried.*

West Dock Ice Damage Prevention: Fish Creek Scenic Boat Tours has added skirting that are now under ice. Merkel suggested looking into whether an ice eater is available to install. Will look into whether a spare is available.

Motion: (Harris/Swain) if ice eaters are available to use them, if not, purchase 2 more for reserves. Carried.

Set next meeting date: March 15, 2017, time 7:30 A.M.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Hecker/Merkel) to adjourn at 6:05 P.M. Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk