

Approved: May 4, 2018

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
HARBOR COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018
MINUTES
7:30 A.M.**

Call to Order: David Harris called the meeting to order at 7:32 A.M.

Present: Chairman Harris stated that a quorum of the Commission was present. Members present: Dave Harris, Brian Merkel, and Paul Woerfel (via telephone conference)
Absent: Rick Hecker

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion: (Woerfel, Merkel) to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting as written. Carried

Chair Report: Harris reported opening is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th. Will open on Thursday the 17th.

Merkel reported a special meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for today. The original accepted plan for the boat trailer lot has been revised. The Harbor Commission needs to be contacted regarding the use of the boat trailer lot. Merkel requests that Harris ask for the item to be removed from the agenda for Harbor Commission input. Harris will contact Skare.

Dockmaster Report: Shermerhorn stated the hiring process is underway. 2 employees are returning for next year. Would like the ad in the Pulse to continue to run. Bill Schaefer will be joining the staff in 2018. Horizontal boards will need to be replaced. Shermerhorn has estimates for lumber.

Public Comment: None

Beach Pier Recommendation: The Town Board has requested a Harbor Commission recommendation on the beach pier. This proposed pier is a pedestrian dock and not to be used for boat docking. It is also to be placed over the outflow pipe for storm water. Need to determine how it will affect the anchorage area and fairway.

Woerfel stated he would like to see a longer dock with a viewing area. He suggested adjusting our anchorage area to accommodate.

Swimming off the dock and dinghy parking will be difficult to deter and police. The beach area will need to be clearly defined.

Motion: (Merkel, Woerfel) to recommend to the Town Board any of the considered options as long as it does not exceed the line that is drawn between the neighboring docks. Carried

Chambers Island East Dock Islander Slips: Harris reported the HNR lease has been terminated. A few islanders have requested seasonal rental of the old wall. Currently have 4 transient slips, the old Quo slip and a finger pier. The Chambers Island Association president sent an email to determine interest. The barge needs space.

Kahr submitted an updated quote for 3 – 30ft piers for \$4550. A pile will need to be installed.

Do we want to make permanent improvements or minimal?

Concerned that the Town wouldn't be able to compete with the Islandmarina. A waiver will need to be signed to release liability.

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May need to pursue the piles next year. A lease agreement would need to be created. Merkel suggested getting legal opinion for liability purposes. Would like to determine a temporary solution for the barge this year.

The Town should send a survey or receive a copy of the email sent to the islanders.

Harris will obtain a better estimate on costs and survey for what costs could be recouped by the Town.

Remove from the Table Recommendation on Harbor Commission Appointment: *Motion: (Merkel, Harris) remove from the Table Recommendation on Harbor Commission Appointment. Carried.*

Recommendation on Harbor Commission Appointment: Greg Swain's term has expired. 3 letters of interest have been received: Bob Grawien, Jim Leuttgen, and Bill Schaefer.

Motion: (Harris, Merkel) to recommend Bob Grawien to be appointed to the Harbor Commission. Carried.

2018 Staffing: Discussed in Dockmaster report.

Set next meeting date: May 16, 2018 at time 7:30 A.M.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Merkel, Harris) to adjourn at 8:39 A.M. Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk