

Approved: October 17, 2018

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
HARBOR COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018
MINUTES
7:30 A.M.**

Call to Order: David Harris called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Dennis Schermerhorn

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion: (Merkel, Hecker) to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2018 meeting as amended. Carried

Chair Report: Harris reported Kahr is still planning to do the chambers island docks this year. Possibly room for 1-2 more slips. The ramp will need some repairs as there is a large dip in the middle. It was suggested to remove.

Schaefer has suggested a weather station for the Dock. The cost is \$2600/year.

Dockmaster Report: Schermerhorn reported that staffing and hours are reduced for the season.

Public Comment: None

Walt's Petroleum Fuel System Upgrades: Schermerhorn has been in contact with Walt's Petroleum about upgrading the fuel system. The diesel dispenser is slow - 7 gallons per minute and takes an hour or more to fill a large boat. In past years, we were told that a faster pump would cause more spills. The legal limit is 10 gallons, but the new pumps would have 2 hoses. Most boats have 2 hose fills and would cut the time in half. We are losing business, as people become impatient. Would like to determine how many gallons/minute will come from each hose? What is the legal limit? What is the size? Could we go with a larger size nozzle?

Will look into the possibility of one high volume and one low volume hose.

Will also look into electrical vs mechanical systems.

Woerfel suggested we have a representative from Walt's attend the next meeting.

Fish Creek Scenic Boat Tours Lease Renewal Update: The Town Board has sent the lease to the Town attorney to review a multi-year possibility, with a clause that includes implementation of the future Waterfront Master Plan.

Harris is concerned about the process and would have preferred the Town Board to have asked for the Harbor Commission's opinion.

Motion: (Woerfel, Hecker) to approve a multi-year lease subject to interruption for reconstruction of the West Dock. Carried, Harris and Grawien opposed.

Review/Revise Late Season Slip Rental Fee: Former Dockmaster Dave Thompson implemented the late season slip rental for \$100. It never came before the Harbor Commission and has been that rate for years. Mooring holders should get the first opportunity. Schermerhorn has a list of people that are interested.

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Slip holders have voiced concerns regarding fairness, \$100 is a steal. This week is the start of slips being vacated.

It was suggested to raise the rate to \$300. But have concerns that the large increase would be a deterrent. Want to encourage mooring holders to come in where it is safer.

Schedule to be: September 15th – October 15th at \$200

Mooring holders get 1st priority.

After Oct. 15 it is free.

Motion: (Harris, Grawien) to raise the rate to \$200. Carried, Merkel opposed.

Set next meeting date: October 17, 2018 at time 7:30 A.M.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Merkel, Woerfel) to adjourn at 8:35 A.M. Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk