

Harbor Committee Meeting Wednesday – February 8, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joshua Miller at 6:01pm.

Members present were Daniel Morris, Richard Vermeulen, Michael Cushman, William Mroz, Glenn Hall, Ben Norton(arrived at 6:06pm), and recording secretary Patty St Clair. Also present Harbor Master Dave Schmanska, Selectboard liaison Randy Elwell, Selectboard members Tammy Willey and Gerry Hall, Christopher Chadwick, Scott Warrington, Justin Thompson, and Josiah Wilson.

A motion was made by William Mroz, seconded by Dan Morris, to accept the minutes from the meeting of January 19, 2017 as written; so carried.

The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussion of 10 Cold Storage Road property. At our previous meeting, members were told to review the handouts then come back with thoughts and ideas.

Glenn Hall met with Randy Cushman to review the plans of Noel Musson's for 10 Cold Storage Road Property. Suggestions from Randy were to create 40' cement float sections to the length of 180' to create a breakwater idea to help with the southwest wind that blows through on occasion and new float area for skiffs since there is not enough room. Mike Cushman inquired as to how far out legally can we go with the cement float sections? The public landing ramp is affected by the southwest wind so this cement float would be a help there too.

Dan Morris pass around a drawing he did showing additional float placements along with a plan for traffic control and parking. It shows 15-20 parking spaces for the recreational side and traffic flow for commercial and recreational areas which keeps them separate. This keeps the recreational part near the existing public landing. We know Summer can create a lot of use but depending on the season this whole area can be flexible.

We need to decide what we want; do we shoot for the moon and can we afford it. Once there is approval, does the work get done in stages; it's hard to say. There is plans for new floats, configuration of the commercial/recreational areas along with the parking, and up on the hill is a bonus area. This could be an area for picnic tables or even a parking lot for the commercial traffic.

Someone mentioned to take Dan's ideas and reconfigure with the drawing to make it doable for what we want. Make a plan for use as commercial, functional "take out" or two, new floats, and making the parking lot usable. If construction should start this year, how would you work around that with the fishermen. Especially if the construction puts the whole place out of operation for 3-6 months lets say. Mike Cushman stated when the Co-op had construction going on, we worked around it.

Harbormaster Schmanska asked Chris Chadwick about drawing up a plan of what you would love to have and what you could live with, and the very least you could get away with. We are now in 2017, government takes time. We need to put a simple plan together then present to the Selectboard so once our plan is approved we have time to have two informational public hearings and wrap it up in

time for the Town Meeting on May 9, 2017. It is critical to have all on board and support for Town Meeting.

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Dan Morris mentioned it might be nice to have preliminary estimates by Town Meeting. Set up some ballpark figures and create short and long term costs then have those ready for Town Meeting.

Glenn Hall asked whether grant money is available. Selectboard member Randy Elwell stated there is also bonds that could be looked into. Chris Chadwick said state and federal grants have a lot of stipulations and always have a set of rules and strings attached. Then once awarded you get the low bidder to do the job. Harbormaster Schmanska said there are many opportunities for finance we can look into.

Chairman Miller suggested a list of items, that is possible without spending a lot of money, needed at 10 Cold Storage Road for the commercial use to start in 2017; floats, ramp, 2 hoists, ladders, storage, lights on the dock, water, and parking spots. Someone suggested to check on insurance and if the ramp would need to be ADA approval.

Harbormaster Schmanska said he will send the new drawings and information to Noel Musson to get an updated plan. He will advise Noel the Harbor Committee would like him to be at our next meeting which is scheduled for February 22, 2017 at 6pm.

Chairman Josh Miller advised the committee he is stepping down from being the chair at the end of his term/June 2017.

A motion was made by Glenn Hall, seconded by Richard Vermuelen, to adjourn the meeting; so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Our next Harbor Committee meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2017 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. St Clair
Recording secretary