

AGENDA
Bar Harbor Cruise Ship Committee
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 @ 3:30 PM
via Zoom Webinar

- I. CALL TO ORDER—**
 - a. Excused absences
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (UP TO 15 MINUTES)—**Use raised hand function
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES—**January 26, 2022
- IV. STAFF REPORTS—**
- V. REGULAR BUSINESS--**
 - a. Review CLIA Feasibility Comments
 - b. Covid Update
 - c. Review Reopening 2022
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (UP TO 15 MINUTES)-**Use raised hand function
- VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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When: Feb 9, 2022 03:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Cruise Ship Committee

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MINUTES
Bar Harbor Cruise Ship Committee
Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 3:30 PM
via Zoom Webinar

I. CALL TO ORDER—3:35 pm.

a. Excused absences—Jen Cough, John Kelly

Attendance: Cruise Ship Committee: Chairperson Eben Salvatore, Town Councilor Matt Hochman, Ken Smith, Larry Sweet, Jeremy Dougherty, Dr. Jane Disney, Martha Searchfield, Sandy McFarland, Skip Strong, Police Chief Jim Willis, Sarah Flink, Amy Powers, Greg Gordon, Harbor master Chris Wharff and Lynn Kenison Higgins.

Harbormaster Chris Wharff, Sarah Flink, Amy Powers, Police Chief Jim Willis, Greg Gordon, and Skip Strong are non-voting members. Lynn Kenison Higgins does not vote. The voting membership was eight.

Cruise Ship Industry representatives present were Eric Dussault for CLIA, Russell Benford and Thomas Hinderhoffer for the Royal Caribbean group, Alf Anderson, Brian Beall and Reed Linsk,.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (UP TO 15 MINUTES)—Use raised hand function
There were not any public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES—January 11, 2022
Mr. Smith motioned to accept minutes, with a second by Mr. Sweet.

Roll call vote:

<u>Searchfield</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Salvatore</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Hochman</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Disney</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>McFarland</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Dougherty</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Smith</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Sweet</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>	<u>8-0.</u>

IV. STAFF REPORTS—There were not any staff reports.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS--

a. Breakwater Improvement Update—The Army Corp of Engineers has designated the much-needed work required for the Breakwater as a maintenance project. The actual start date for this project and the final height of the Breakwater has of yet to be determined. It is the Army Corp of Engineers responsibility to finalize this project, which is estimated at \$10 million. Currently \$6.3 million has been awarded.

- b. Continue Discussion of Draft Feasibility—Chairperson Salvatore forwarded a draft copy to the CLIA and to Ships’ Agents. It is anticipated that CLIA may provide feedback by February 1. Any feedback received will be added with the report and presented at the Town Council meeting February 15th.
- c. Update on latest CDC Orders/Covid—The Conditional Sail Order has changed to a voluntary program effective January 15, 2022. This voluntary program is the cruise industry’s commitment to continue with current, and possible changing, cruise health and Covid-19 requirements.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (UP TO 15 MINUTES)—There were not any public comments.

VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Recommend Feasibility Draft to Town Council
- b. Covid Update
- c. Industry and Community Relations Report
- d. Tourism Best Practices—Juneau Presentation Pending Availability

It was requested if Police Chief Willis could give a staff report on the Ground Transportation changes. He commented that if not ready for the February Cruise Ship Committee meeting, it would be available in March. Harbor Master Wharff was also asked for an updated 2022 cruise ship reservations report.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT—4:15 pm.

From: Amy Powers <amy@mainecruisepro.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 3:22 PM
To: Lynn Kenisson Higgins
Cc: Sgt. Chris Wharff; Eben Salvatore; Greg Gordon; Jane Disney; First Express; Jeremy Dougherty; Jim Willis; John Kelly; Ken Smith; Manager@Barharbormaine. Gov; Larry Sweet; Martha Searchfield; Matt Hochman; Sandy McFarland; Sarah Flink; Skip Strong
Subject: Re: Corrected Packet Cruise Ship Committee Meeting January 26, 2022 @3:30

Hi everyone,

Simply sharing the below press release from CLIA dated 1/13/22 for your awareness.

PRESS RELEASE | JANUARY 13, 2022

CLIA Statement on the Transition of the Conditional Sailing Order (CSO) to a Voluntary Program

The transition of the Conditional Sailing Order (CSO) to a voluntary program effective January 15 recognizes the cruise industry's unwavering commitment to providing some of the highest levels of COVID-19 mitigation found in any industry. Cruise is the only segment of travel and tourism that requires, prior to embarkation for both passengers and crew, exceedingly high levels of vaccination (approaching 100% compared to only 63% on land in the U.S.) and 100% testing of every individual (over 20 times the rate in the U.S.).

When cases are identified as a result of the high frequency of testing onboard, cruise ship protocols help to maximize onboard containment with rapid response procedures designed to safeguard all other guests and crew as well as the communities that the ships visit. Further, cruise is the only sector that continuously monitors, collects, and reports case information directly to the CDC.

Given this oversight and the uniquely high vaccination rate required on board, the incidence of serious illness is dramatically lower than on land, and hospitalizations have been extraordinarily rare even while landside hospitalizations are peaking. CLIA ocean-going cruise line members will continue to be guided by the science and the principle of putting people first, with proven measures that are adapted as conditions warrant to protect the health of cruise passengers, crewmembers, and destinations.

Please direct media inquiries to press@cruising.org

Best Regards,
□ Amy Powers

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