

Harbor Committee Town of Bar Harbor

Minutes: Monday, April 12, 2021

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER – 4:02 p.m. Via Zoom Meeting Platform

Attendance: Ron Beard, Jon Carter, Pancho Cole, Gary Fagan, Bob Garland, Annette Higgins, Jeff Miller, Larry Neusslein, Charlie Phippen, Eben Salvatore, Jaime Weir, Chris Wharf, Lynne Williams
Absent: Chris Maller

-Charlie Phippen introduces Chris Wharf to the Harbor Committee. A more formal introduction will be made later in the meeting.

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes: unanimous

ITEM 3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

New Business Additions

-Lynne would like to include the formal introduction of Chris Wharf.

-Jon Carter would like to discuss some general harbor items.

Motion to approve updated agenda: unanimous

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss the Town Council finding on the Harbor Committee recommendation for future uses at the Bar Harbor Ferry Terminal.

Questions/Comments from Harbor Committee (HC)

-The Town Council (TC) have delayed the vote. Would like to create a workshop to discuss option (Ron)

-The TC was very receptive to the HC recommendation

-Agree with Charlie, favorable response. Majority of the TC were in favor. Would like more definition of the workshop. (Lynne)

-Did Cornell elaborate on his memo? (Bob)

-Glad Cornell cleared up his view of the HC recommendations. (Jeff)

-Ron has volunteered to coordinate workshop with Val. Thinks more details and visuals will be very effective.

-Pancho and Jeff agree, more visuals. It falls on Ron to move things forward. (Lynne)

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed relocation of COA Limited Purpose Aquaculture Site due to westward shift of Anchorage
B.

Questions/Comments from Harbor Committee (HC)

-Should not interfere with lobstering (Jon C.)

B. Charlie Phippen introduces new Bar Harbor Master Chris Wharf and explains new hybrid formation with the Bar Harbor Police Department (BHPD), notes he is well suited for the position.

-Chris gives HC brief introduction, noting experience

Questions/Comments from Harbor Committee (HC)

-Do you hold a USCG license? (Pancho) *No USCG license*

-Being a uniformed police officer could present challenges. (Bob)

-Jon Carter likes the idea of being under the BHPD, Charlie agrees

ITEM 6 PUBLIC COMMENT

-Does not think a marina at the Ferry Terminal is the best usage, very expensive to build and maintain, focus on general parking (Eben)

-Parking is only allowed for water related or marina use, can not be general parking (Lynne)

-Parking is not the best use of the land. Pier could be a good idea. Expand Submerged Land permit?

(Bob)

-Parking with marine use is a state standard, not local. (Carol C.)

-Should the HC become more involved in the Salmon Aquaculture? (Jim O.)

-DMR has authority (Lynne)

-Keep an eye on it, intervene as needed. (Charlie)

-Very intrusive, big operation (Jon C.)

-Majority opposed (Lynne)

-Should fisherman unite against and sign petition? (Jon C.)

-Discuss organizing an opposition with Lynne

ITEM 7 CLOSING COMMENTS

NONE

ITEM 8 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

A. Review Ron's Ferry Terminal Workshop plans for the Town Council

ITEM 9 ADJOURNEMENT 5:13 p.m.

Unanimous Approval

Respectfully submitted by Jaime W. Weir, Bar Harbor Harbor Committee member and secretary.