



Town of Southwest Harbor Harbor Committee

August 8th, 2016 at 6:30pm

Attendance

Committee members: Corey Pettegrow, Nick Madeira, Brian Walls, Joel Harper, Andy Mays, Ann Napier

Excused Absences: Andy Mays

Unexcused Absences:

Harbor Master: Adam Thurston

Selectmen: Lydia Goetze

Public:

I. Call to Order / Role Call

Meeting called to order at 6:30. All present except Andy who has an excused absence.

II. Acceptance of Minutes

Ann noted that during open discussion the committee talked about a lift at the Upper Town Dock. Adam will make the necessary changes and bring it to the next meeting. The committee agreed to accept the minutes with the necessary changes. Vote (5-0)

III. Visitors to be Heard

None

IV. Upcoming Projects

The Harbormaster presented the committee with a list of upcoming projects with cost estimates.

Upper Town pier replacement- Replace current pier structure and stairs, disposal of debris, reinstall light post, power and water to dock. Design and manufacture a 12X12 aluminum frame with a canvas top for the seating area. We will use existing support piles and cross bracing.

\$25,000 - \$30,000

Upper Town finger floats- Replace (8) wood and Styrofoam finger floats with (10) new steel framed 6X20 floats. We will most likely have to drive two new piles for the extended east end and extended outer west float; It may be possible to reconfigure exiting piles.

\$28,000 - \$32,000



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Cross Bracing Replacement- Removal and disposal of unusable boards, Installation of (50) 3X10X24 timbers (some existing are usable which could bring number of timbers down).

\$18,000 – \$20,000

Manset Launch Ramp – The town will be responsible for; tearing up and resurfacing a 21X35 section 8” thick and rebar mat. Reconfiguring access to finger floats making it wheel chair assessable. Extending an 8X30 foot section at the end of the ramp for better low tide access.

\$11,000

Fill in gaps on the bulkhead at lower dock – Repoint and fill gaps at the lower town dock, use of staging with a barge or other boats, materials and labor.

\$35,000 – \$45,000

The Harbormaster asked the committees opinion on whether a 12 X 12 canvas tent should be placed at the end of Upper Dock at a cost of \$3,000. The committee was not in favor of a canvas tent because of the cost.

Ann stated that the town needed to consider a lift system for the Upper Town dock for better accessibility. The harbormaster said that the select board is aware that the harbor committee is in favor with the lift system but they would need more information before they would consider it. Lydia said that she does not really understand how it would work at the upper dock because of the movement of the float with the tide.

Cory suggested that metal rails should be placed in the cement at the manset launch ramp to help take the impact of the barges coming in and out of the ramp.

Ann stated that the company who is doing the concrete work for the manset ramp should be responsible for not doing it in poor weather conditions. MDI Concretes estimate stated that they would not be responsible for pours in cold and inclement weather.

V. Open Discussion

Nick observed that the Rockefellers had recently installed a new lift system that the compound and that it would be a good idea for the town to look into installing one at the upper dock.

Nick stated that he had spoken with George Gellison of the select board and that no letter has been written to the Hook family about the future of the town leased lot. Nick is



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frustrated that a new committee has been formed make a comprehensive plan for the harbor. Many of the harbor committee's recommendations seem to go unnoticed. Nick wants the new committee to make sure that commercial interests are accounted for and maintained. Commercial users pay the fees that keep the harbor going.

Joel wants to see a hydraulic powered hoist at the town docks. Most fishermen are independent now and they transfer their bait in 500 lb. barrels. The electric hoist only has a capacity of 300 lbs. Northeast Harbor and Bass harbor have hydraulic hoists. Joel recommended that both docks need new hoists.

It was recommended that a dumpster be put in at the upper dock.

VI. Adjournment

Joel made a motion to adjourn.

Corey seconded.

Vote (5-0)