



## Town of Southwest Harbor Harbor Committee

March 14, 2016 at 6:30pm

### Attendance

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

**Excused Absences:** None

**Unexcused Absences:** None

**Harbor Master:** Adam Thurston

**Selectmen:** Lydia Goetze

**Public:** Glenn Squires, Greg Johnston

### **I. Call to Order / Role Call**

Call to order at 6:30.

### **II. Acceptance of Minutes**

Brian made a motion to accept minutes from previous meeting.

Cory seconded.

Vote (4-0-2)

Nick and Anne abstained from voting.

### **III. Visitors to be Heard**

Lydia states that the town manager has come up with a proposal to buy property across the street from the Manset Town Dock to make into a parking facility. The Knot currently needs development but it is available for additional space. Lydia asked if more parking was needed and if we did go after this property how would we fund it. Corey stated that he understands that more parking is needed and he thought the parking lot was a good idea but he did not want to see the harbor users fees skyrocket because of the project. Hopefully the fee parking would bring in enough revenue to offset the cost to the town. The hook lot was also discussed. What are we doing to get it? The harbormaster states that efforts have been made but we still have had no contact with the owners. The committee agreed that we still need to go after the hook property. Overall the committee thought the parking lot was a good idea as long as it would be self-supporting and fees would not have to be increased.

Cory made motion: The committee recommends the purchase of the Knot property to increase parking at the Manset town dock as long as the harbor use fees do not increase.

Nick seconded.

Vote(6-0)

### **IV. Knowlton Pier Project**



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The project is the removal and replacement of a shared residential pier in Southwest Harbor. The existing pier consists of both pile and granite supported pier. The piles show structural damage due to age and the deck is poor condition. The existing fixed pier is 84 feet long, while the proposed fixed portion is 80 feet long. A series of two floats will replace the existing float. The extension of the pier into the water by using a combination of floats minimizes the massing of the pier while providing the owner with reasonable water depth for boat access.

The committee then continued to go to the checklist. Andy commented that the float system seemed to stretch out a lot further than the previous one. Johnston indicated that more water depth was needed to safely dock the owner's vessels. It was also indicated that the MLW at the end of the float was still only 4 ½ feet. Andy indicated that there were open clam flats at the site location but it did not seem to look like it would have any effect on access to the flats. Andy is concerned with the shallow depth of the mooring stones and that it was possible that a boat could hit the mooring stones at low tide. Johnston indicated that at low tide the mooring stones would have at least five feet of water depth at low tide and that they were contestant with what was currently approved.

Cory made motion: to accept Knowlton pier with a recommendation of low profile mooring stones.

Anne Seconded.

Vote (6-0)

### V. Comments for the good of the committee

Lydia made a comment about floats being left on her property over the winter. She stated that she is fine with this being done but she would like notification from the owner. She would also like to see the owners name and number on the float as it is stated in the ordinance. The harbormaster has Lydia's contact information and will pass that along to float owners.

### VI. Suggestions for Next Meeting

The harbormaster will have another meeting when there is a new project to be discussed. If any members would like to discuss anything else in the meantime, then a meeting can be held.

### VII. Adjournment

Cory made motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Nick seconded.

Vote (6-0)