

Eliot Harbor Commission  
Minutes for the January 19, 2015  
Meeting

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Town Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Roll call

Present at the meeting were Ben Brickett, Lori Howell, B. Cabot Trott, Charles Rankie, David Emery and Lee Emery. Also present were the Harbor Master Richard Philbrick, Deputy Tom Phillips and Selectman liaison Grant Hirst.

With Doug Anderson absent the chair appointed first alternate Lori Howell to fill the open position

Reading of the minutes (Secretaries report).

A motion to accept the minutes as corrected from the December 1, 2014 was made by Charles Rankie and seconded by David Emery all voted in favor motion past.

A motion to accept the minutes as corrected from the December 15, 2014 meeting was made by Lori Howell and seconded by Ben Brickett all voted in favor motion past.

Reports of Officer and Committees.

Harbor Master discussed the collection of State Excised taxes and the difficulty collecting of such taxes. He brought to the table a few ideas including holding the mooring holder responsible in the case of rentals. Also discussed were the applications for a mooring. An applicant for a residential mooring must provide the current boat registration(s) of the boat(s) that will be on the mooring. Commercial applicant will provide a list of those people who will be renting the mooring if applicable. Harbor Master states that this is to try and prevent people from tying up mooring spaces when there are others on the waiting list. Discussion followed. Cabot Trott asked the question of the Harbor Master if we have all the proof that excised tax is owed on these boats. Richard stated yes and then Cabot asked how the Town would collect on other owed taxes? After some discussion it was recommend to the Harbor Master to let the Town of Eliot follow the proper legal proceedings on the boat owners. Deputy Tom Philips discussed the possibility of issuing summons to the owners if need be. Discussion followed. As a follow up to the discussion on the applications and the help that Mr. Pike has provided Lori Howell asked to make sure that the Board of Selectmen sends a letter of thanks to Mr. Pike. Lori also requested a follow up with the Town Manager on contacting Maine Municipal Association on the collection of State Excise tax.

Reports of special committees.

None

Unfinished Business.

Chair opens the unfinished business with a review of the revisions from the December 19 2014 meeting starting with General Mooring and administrations.

Started again on **Waiting list Sec. VI.** . Richard stated that he finds no issue with the Administration of Waiting List. Discussion on adding in Riparian Rights somewhere with this section was discussed. Riparian Rights may fit better along with people upgrading a boat under Sec V. Order of Precedence. Lee Emery suggests we combined paragraph 2 and 3 into one statement.

**Section VII Mooring Permitting** Process a change in how the procedure is posted with discussion.

**Section VIII Mooring Usage Regulations**, variable boat assignments were good at this time. An adjustment in the wording on Provision of Mooring Hardware (see notes on revisions). Discussion on the fees under Removal of Vessel by the Harbor Master and where they came from and should they be there. Harbor Master brought up changing them from fees to fine. After further discussion a change in the wording was suggested by Lori Howell and noted in the revised copy. Cabot Trott asked about any need to define usage of moorings. Is it necessary to put in the ordinance a statement of time or amount that the mooring would be used? Discussion followed with no results.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjournment at 8:04

Respectfully submitted



B. Cabot Trott

Secretary Eliot Harbor Commission