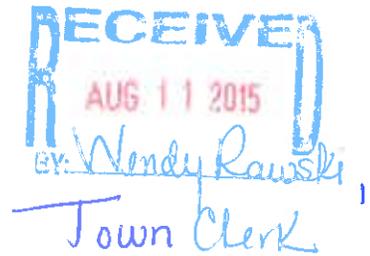


Eliot Harbor Commission
Minutes for the June 15, 2015
Meeting



Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

Roll call

Commission members present Ben Brickett, Lee Emery, Doug Anderson, Charlie Rankie, and Cabot Trott. Absent from roll call was Lori Howell and David Emery, the chair appointed Charlie Rankie as a voting member for the meeting. Others attending the meeting were Harbor Master Richard Philbrick, Deputy Harbor Master Tom Phillips and Selectmen Grant Hirst. Lori Howell joined the meeting at 06:06 pm.

Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting.

The May 18th meeting minutes were read and after correction and or amendments, Charlie Rankie made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Cabot Trott seconded the motion and all were in favor, motion passed.

Reports of Boards and or Standing Committees

Harbor Masters Report

Richard discussed the mooring registration and stated that he and Tom had registered 187 moorings this year and that he and Tom had been up and down the mooring field and believes that the mooring field plan should be done in a few weeks. Richard figured that they also may be able to place a lot of those on the waiting list into open places once they have the plan back. More discussion followed on possible open space and missing moorings. Discussion on those who surrendered their moorings space should receive some kind of letter from the Harbor Master in reference to the conversation to confirm the surrendering. Richard also reported that they have collected \$6,729.00 to date, not including launch fees, in mooring payments.

Reports of special committees, none

Special orders

Lee brought up the posting of upcoming vacancy on the commission. He was asked at last month's meeting as acting chair to check to make sure the posting had been done. The Chair confirmed that there would be a vacant position as Dave Emery was not going to continue on after his term was up.

Lori Howell stated that she has placed her application in to be appointed to the commission as a regular position. Charlie brought to the attention of the member Article III, section 2 of the bylaws and the correct means to fill any open positions on the commission. Discussion followed.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Continuation of Eliot Harbor Ordinance review in which the commission discussed waivers and appeals. The discussion followed to determining what area would be considered for waivers. It was agreed that a waiver in accordance with the ordinance would be granted through the Harbor Master. Further discussion followed. Charlie Rankie moved to strike the last sentence from Section XV Waivers that states, The decision of the Harbor Master to grant or deny a waiver request is final and cannot be appealed under Section XVI of this Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Lori Howell Four members were in favor one opposed; motion passed.

Discussion then proceeded to the Section XVI Appeals and the procedures that should be followed. Charlie and Lori agreed to look at the wording of the procedures and take the suggestion of the commission and reword them. Charlie recommended that copies of the appeal applications from the other departments may be of assistance. Secretary Trott offered to gather those copies for the next meeting.

Next was the Section XVII Violation and Enforcement discussion on the authority to enforce the law(s) followed. Lee Emery pointed out areas in the State of Maine Statutes that give Harbor Masters that authority. Lori Howell follows further into the statutes and found where unless the training and authority have been given, the Harbor Master cannot act in the role of law enforcement.

All members agreed to pick up at this point next meeting. Discussion on section XVIII followed and an agreement to study Section XVII and XVII and start with them on the next meeting was agreed upon.

Charlie Rankie brought forth a matter that was discussed in the May meeting in reference to the Bylaws. Charlie made a motion that states the change to Article V Section 1. *To be worded as follows, Regular meetings shall be scheduled in advance. The Town Clerk shall be notified of meeting dates by the Secretary as soon as the dates are set.* This motion was seconded by Lori Howell. Discussion followed. This motion is being posted for vote at the July meeting. Motion passed for a vote on the proposed bylaw change.

The procedures for election of officers was discussed and a motion by Cabot Trott and seconded by Lori Howell was made that a nomination would be made and seconded for each officer separately followed by a show of hand as a vote.

New Business

Cabot asked that the Chair send a formal letter to Dave Emery to thank him for his service on the commission.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lori Howell and seconded by Cabot Trott. All were in favor motion passed 07:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Cabot Trott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

B. Cabot Trott

Secretary, Eliot Harbor Commission