ELIOT TOWN HARBOR COMMISSION

B. Cabot Trott Vice-Chair Lee Emery Member
Lori A. Howell Secretary Charles L. Rankie Member
Douglas A. Anderson Member Elwood Zamarchi Alt. Member

MEETING AGENDA – MINUTES

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June 19, 2017 - 6:00PM @ Eliot Town Hall

- 1.) Roll Call: All members present.
- 2.) Agenda: Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the agenda as prepared. It was mentioned that the commission is lacking one alternate member; to be discussed later in the agenda.
- 3.) Reading and Approving Minutes:
 - a. **April Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes.** It was voted: to accept the minutes of the meeting April 17, 2017 as amended.
- 4.) Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees:
 - a. Review the 2017 Eliot Mooring Reports:
 - i. Total number of Moorings and their classifications. Mr. Trott indicated that although he spoke with the Harbor Master personally with regard to the mooring status; he did not feel that he could accurately relate the figures stated by the Harbor Master. Moved to send a request for 2017 mooring report by classes/categories as outlined in the newly approved Harbor Ordinance, as well as a waiting list in the same format. It was suggested that this information be provided to the Harbor Commission prior to the next meeting.
 - ii. Mooring waiting lists. See above.
- 5.) Report of Special Committees: None.
- 6.) Special Orders: None
- 7.) Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a. Review Eliot election results re. Harbor Ordinance's proposed changes. The Harbor Ordinance passed. The Chair thanked the members for their time and efforts and setting the stage for providing the HM with additional enforcement abilities. Mr. Rankie stated that as he recalled the vote that was about 2/3 for and 1/3 against. A brief discussion ensued about why 1/3 may have voted against it.
- b. Follow up relative to the Harbor Commission's request to the Select Board on the Eliot Mooring Master Plan. A request was made to the Select Board on or about April 19, 2017. There was no reply from the Select Board. Mr. Rankie feels that a committee of two may be appropriate to prepare an expanded draft of the letter. That committee of two would point out the room for expansion of the number of moorings, the benefits of the excise taxes, moorings fees, etc. Ms. Howell pointed out that the election has just taken place and perhaps additional time for a reply is in order; or in the alternative, that a very soft-touch approach be used. Mr. Trott stated that the Harbor Commission doesn't really have a mission statement. Mr. Rankie reminded the Harbor Commission that the purpose is stated in the Bylaws and the "purpose" section of the Harbor Ordinance. Mr. Anderson agreed with Mr. Rankie's statements that communications were rocky at the outset; that the only way that the Harbor Commission and Harbor Ordinance "work" is if everyone works together. Mr. Rankie suggests that since there are new members of the Select Board, that the existing letter be "covered" with a nice note in order to bring the members up to speed. Discussion about future of Harbor Commission and roles. Ms. Howell agreed to take a shot at preparing a first draft of a cover note.
- c. Vacant Harbor Commission Alternate position. One alternate position is open on the Commission. The Chair asks that the members pass the word that there is an open position. He added that many people do not know that the Harbor Commission exists.
- 8.) New Business: None
- 9.) Good of the Order: set next meeting date. (July 17, 2017).
 - a. The July meeting requires the election of officers. There was discussion about the date for the next meeting. It was voted to set the next meeting for July 17, 2017. There was also discussion regarding moving to a lighter meeting schedule; perhaps every other month. Mr. Rankie offered to send a copy of the bylaws to the members (as well as the voting numbers).
 - b. Commission Members Anderson and Rankie's terms expire June 30, 2017 and require a written request (by the Commissioner(s)) to renew. Mr. Rankie told the members that he had applied to be re-appointed.

Mr. Anderson indicated that he did not re-apply. He felt that he did not fully dedicate his time in order to fully represent the residents. He offered to act as an advisor to the Commission. Members commended Mr. Anderson on the work, time and efforts that he has made over the past couple of years. Mr. Rankie suggested

that the Harbor Commission may have fewer meetings as we have completed the ordinance portion of our charge.

10.) Adjourn. Adjourned at 6:54 pm.