
SITKA PORT AND HARBORS COMMISSION

Commission Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2016

Sealing Cove Business Center

I. CALL TO ORDER Chair Knox called the meeting to order at 6pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kevin Knox, Mary Ann Peterson, Melissa Greenhalgh, Eric Skousen, Michael Nurco, Brendan Jones

Members Absent: Josh Arnold

Others Present: Harbormaster Stan Eliason, Deputy Harbormaster Chuck Hackett, Assembly Liaison Matthew Hunter, Utility Director Bryan Bertacchi, Secretary Kacie Rear

Members of the Public: Carl Peterson

III. CHANGES TO AGENDA - None

MOTION: M-M. Peterson / S- M. Greenhalgh moved to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2016 meeting.

ACTION: Motion **PASSED unanimously** on a voice vote.

V. CORRESPONDENCE- None

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD- None

VII. REPORTS

1. Harbormaster –

- a. Transient Float-** Transient float is coming along but the piling drive company will not be able to make their deadline of March 15, 2016 due to mechanical issues. The company will not be able to work when herring are here to spawn as it could mess with the herring process. They will be back to finish after the spawn if the float is not done by then.
 - b. Seaplane Float-** The backbone of the float is in good shape, there will be a rep coming to town to give a suggestion on what can be done to utilize the float as a fix.
- 2. City Staff –** Bryan Bertacchi came to report to commission that power meters in Crescent Harbor and Thompson Harbor are the ones that need the replacement meters. Approximately one thousand total meters and six hundred out of the thousand are likely to fail. Currently 62 meters are failed meters. Proposed change would be to increase the flat rate of \$8.75 to \$19.50, which would generate enough over an approximant six year period to fund the replacement.

MOTION: **M-K.Knox/S-E.Skousen** moved to draft a resolution for the rate increase of the flat power rate of \$8.75 to residential rate of \$19.50 and to have a review after a year.

ACTION: Motion **PASSED unanimously** on a voice vote.

3. **Chair-** Chair Knox reported to the commission that he met with DOWL who did interviews throughout the region and came up with parties who would use the seaplane base. They interviewed 37 pilots and 32 of the 37 would use the new base by 2020.
4. **Other(s) - None**

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Seaplane Base Enterprise Fund/ Sub Fund-** Moving to next meeting agenda
2. **Allocation of Aircraft Property Tax to Aircraft operations-** commission talked about the seaplane base being funded by the enterprise fund instead of the harbor fund.
3. **Fish Tax allocations** – The Citizens Task Force want 100% of the fish tax allocation held by city to go to harbor fund.

MOTION: **M-K.Knox/S-M.Nurco** motion to draft two resolutions; 1) This body recognizes and appreciates the recommendation being put forward b the citizen task force of the additional allocations on one hundred thousand dollars to the harbor fund. 2) A recommendation of the state to keep the raw fish tax allocations whole to the municipalities, 50/50.

ACTION: Motion **PASSED unanimously** on a voice vote.

X. GENERAL DISCUSSION-None

XI. CLOSING

1. **Next Meeting Agenda Items**
 - **Seaplane Base Enterprise Fund/Sub Fund**
 - **Allocation of Aircraft Property Tax to Aircraft Operations**
 - **Fish Tax Allocations**
2. **Next meeting Date** – Sealing Cove Business Center April 13, 2016 at 6 pm
3. **Adjournment** – Knox adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm

Prepared by: Kacie Rear
Secretary