
SITKA PORT AND HARBORS COMMISSION

Commission Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2015

Harrigan Centennial Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER Chair Knox called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kevin Knox, Josh Arnold, Stan Johnson, Michael Johnson, Mary Ann Peterson, Clay Davis, Melissa Greenhalgh

Others Present: Harbormaster Stan Eliason, Deputy Harbormaster Charles Hackett, Assistant Clerk Melissa Henshaw

Members of the Public: Carl Peterson

III. CORRESPONDENCE/CHANGES TO AGENDA - None.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD – None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: M-Arnold/ S-Davis moved to approve the minutes from the **January 14, 2015** meeting.

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

VI. REPORTS

1. **Harbormaster** – Harbormaster Eliason reported possibly 1/3 of the herring fleet going co-op and told the commission of the 5 new yacht reservations which is good for generating revenue.
2. **City Staff** - None.
3. **Chair** - Knox reported the Assembly passed the resolution of the rate increase and told that the uplands are not secure for the seaplane base which may hold up the process.
4. **Other(s)** – None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Set a work session** – Peterson would like a general work session with harbor users. The Commission agreed on March 4th from 6:00 to 8:00pm.
2. **Transient float replacement** – Arnold voiced his concerns with the high costs by PND. S. Johnson agreed and wondered how to cut costs. Eliason will ask for a 65% design after the 35% comes in. Hackett will get the cost breakdown of PND.
3. **GPIP tidelands and Marine Service Center** – **(This item was moved up on the agenda)** Knox drafted a resolution. Discussion on the Marine Service Center occurred with regards to it being

public or privately owned/operated, Wrangell's haul out operations, the footprint of GPIIP, and a grant for repairing the dock. Arnold read part of the resolution which states, "strongly urging the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka to maintain public ownership of remaining GPIIP lands best utilized for said marine service center.

MOTION: **M-S. Johnson/ S-Arnold** moved to approve the resolution of the Port and Harbors Commission of the City and Borough of Sitka, supporting development of the city owned marine service center and large vessel haul out at the Gary Paxton Industrial Park.

ACTION: Motion **PASSED unanimously** on a roll call vote.

MOTION: **M-Arnold/ S-Peterson** moved to accept the resolution titled "A Resolution of the Port & Harbors Commission of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, recommending 100% of the shared fishing business fish tax go to the harbor fund" that Knox drafted.

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

Arnold left the meeting at 6:49pm.

4. **Net/visitor shed** – Knox questioned what this is used for and wondered if this should remain as infrastructure. M. Johnson questioned if tourist funds can help with costs. A fee schedule for the net shed was discussed with regard to users and target audience and a levy to use electricity. Knox suggested a percentage of the funds come from the tourist money and to ask Jay Sweeney, CFAO on what that should be. Knox will follow up with Hunter regarding the resolution.

MOTION: **M- S. Johnson/ S- M. Johnson** moved to compose a resolution to ask for 50% of CPET funds to be used for the net shed facility since it is used 50% by tourists. The resolution is requesting CPET funds in the order of 50% for the tourist shelter and the dock that supports the shelter.

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

5. **Float home rates** – Float homes are now allowed in ANB Harbor. Davis brought up ownership issues. Eliason had a contractor in his office last week asking regulations on building one for a client. The Commission agreed that a rate structure is needed and discussion surrounded the cost, a lease option. This item will come back at the next regular meeting under Unfinished Business.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

- Harbor users work session on March 4, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Harrigan Centennial Hall
- Next regular Port & Harbors meeting on March 11, 2015
 - Float home rates
 - Staff report from Dan Tadic on transient float replacement
 - Work session follow up
 - Net/visitor shed

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: **M-Knox/ S- Peterson** moved to adjourn the meeting at **7:35 pm**

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

Prepared by: Melissa Henshaw
Interim Secretary