
SITKA PORT AND HARBORS COMMISSION
Commission Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2015
Harrigan Centennial Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER Chair K. Knox called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Stan Johnson,

Others Present: Harbor Master Stan Eliason, Deputy Harbor Master Charles Hackett, Assembly Liaison Matthew Hunter, and Secretary Kacie Rear.

Members of the Public: Ted Laufanberg

III. CHANGES TO AGENDA

MOTION: M- M. Peterson / S- M. Greenhalgh moved to approve the minutes from the **April 15, 2015** meeting.

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

V. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- Ted Laufanberg talked about the Baranof Hot Springs Harbor and to encourage the City of Sitka and Harbor Department to develop some management ideas for a new dock. The committee there also came up with some strong ideas for management ideas.

VII. REPORTS

1. **Harbormaster** – HM S.Eliason Cruise ship Westerdam made call out to Halibut Point Marine, if they continue to use the cruise ship dock it could be a \$20,000 loss for Harbor Department. DH C.Hackett talked about the summer reservations for yachts. Numbers are moving up and may be the same as last year. Sealing cove parking lot is under way and looking good. Adding more kayak racks due to more people wanting one.
2. **City Staff** – M. Hunter thanks K. Knox for coming to the Assembly Meeting and listening to the resolutions for Float Homes and Net Shed that did get passed.
3. **Chair - None**
4. **Other(s) –None**

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Fish Box Tax** – Discussed fish box tax from the April 15, 2015 meeting. M. Hunter mentioned that there have been some recent additions to the harbor fund ie; property tax from boats in the harbor system.

MOTION: M-C. Davis/ S- J. Arnold recommend to the Assembly that the Fish Box Tax be allocated 60% to the Harbors 40% to Fish Enhancement after a reasonable administrative fee.

ACTION: Motion **PASSED** with the following vote-
Yes-6 Knox, Arnold, M. Johnson, Davis, Peterson, Greenhalgh
Absent- S. Johnson

2. **Transient Float** – Discussion about the concern of cost for the new float and especially disposal of it. Arnold mentioned the other money in the savings should reduce the cost of the bid not increase the scope of it. If there is an upland facility within Alaska to dispose of the float or if someone would like to recycle the float, we could save about \$300,000-\$400,000. Anodes were optional but are a first alternative since the float is its own breakwater and we want it to be strong.
3. **Parking permit/fees** – Police and Fire commission gave their approval for the Harbor Department to give out permits; just have to bring it by the Assembly.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Crescent Harbor** – Crescent Harbor didn't make the state budget. We were number three maybe when we reapply will move up on the list. Crescent Harbor has an ongoing preventative maintenance program.

X. GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

XI. CLOSING

1. **Next Meeting Agenda Items**
 - Next regular Port and Harbors meeting September 9, 2015
 - i. Baranof Hot Springs
 - ii. Harbor Planning Timeline
 - iii. Summer Report
 - iv. Transient Float-update
 - v. Waitlist Discussion
2. **Next meeting Date** – Sealing Cove Business Center September 9,2015 at 6 pm
3. **Adjournment** – K. Knox adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm

Prepared by: Kacie Rear
Secretary