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# Sitka Port and Harbors Commission Minutes

Monday, September 19, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Harrigan Centennial Hall

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**Port and Harbors Commission Members:** Kevin Knox, Josh Arnold, Mary Ann Peterson, Melissa Greenhalgh, Eric Skousen, Michael Nurco, Brendan Jones  
Matt Hunter (Assembly Liaison)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Knox called the meeting to order at approximately 6:23 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Kevin Knox, Josh Arnold, Melissa Greenhalgh, Michael Nurco

Absent: Brendan Jones (excused), Mary Ann Peterson (excused), Eric Skousen (unexcused)

Assembly Liaison: Matthew Hunter

Staff: Harbormaster Stan Eliason, Deputy Harbormaster Chuck Hackett, Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw, Senior Planner Michael Scarcelli

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**IV. AGENDA CHANGES**

None.

**V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Jack Greenhalgh and Jaime Ackley representing the Sitka Veteran's Association told of a Veteran's memorial project located behind Harrigan Centennial Hall and expressed frustration of the process. Staff informed of the process and history. This item would be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M - Arnold/S - Greenhalgh moved to approve the May 11, 2016 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1) Consideration of Petro Marine's proposed tidelands lease of tidelands adjacent 1 Lincoln Street for new fuel dock**

Michael Scarcelli, Senior Planner, reviewed the proposed tidelands lease. He informed that overall staff was in support if orientation was not a problem and stated the dock adds to the environmental safety, spill response, and fire safety. Chair Knox stated he reached out to the Forest Service since their property was adjacent to, and informed that they did not have concerns. Deputy Harbormaster Hackett thought the plan supported smaller boats on the back side. Representatives of Petro Marine, Deena Hansen and Phil Spiegle, spoke to the layout of the dock and safety. Deputy Harbormaster Hackett, clarified that the scoring of clean harbors does not come into play with the new dock although the new pumps would most likely decrease spills. Nurco received clarification that the dock is set back further from the channel and both sides of the dock would be accessible. Arnold was in favor.

**M - Arnold/S - Nurco moved that the Sitka Port and Harbors Commission extend support for Petro Marine Tidelands lease. Motion carried unanimously.**

**2) Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Josh Arnold requested he not be nominated as Chair of the commission. Discussion occurred amongst the Commissioners.

**M - Arnold/S - Nurco moved to postpone this item until the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting would be held Wednesday, October 12, 2016. Chair Knox requested discussion of one or more summer meetings to be placed on the agenda.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Seeing no objection the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:56 p.m.**

Attest:  
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk