

CRUISE SHIP COMMITTEE
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Bar Harbor Cruise Ship Committee

Thursday, March 15, 2018

1:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 11, 2018
- III. Public Comment Period
- IV. Adoption of agenda
- V. Staff Reports
- VI. Regular Business
 - a. Discussion on a breakwater improvement feasibility
 - b. Review of 2017 daily passenger questionnaire results
 - c. Report from Sea Trade - Eben, Amy, Gregg
 - d. Ethics Review Reminder
- VII. Public Comment Period
- VIII. Items for the next agenda
- IX. Set Meeting Date and Time
- X. Adjournment

Minutes
Bar Harbor Cruise Ship Committee
Wednesday, January 11, 2018
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M. Ken Smith and Darron Collins were excused absences. Skip Strong and Claire Bingham were not present.

Members present: Eben Salvatore, Chair; Jeff Dobbs, Member; Amy Powers, Member; Charlie Phippen, Member; Jim Willis, Member; Angela Chamberlain, Secretary; Paul Paradis, Member; Greg Gordon, Member; Martha Searchfield, Vice Chair arriving at 1:03 PM; and Sandy McFarland, Member arriving at 1:25 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 13, 2017

Mr. Phippen moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2017 as prepared with the amendment that the word "feed" be changed to "fee" in the first paragraph. Mr. Paradis seconded the motion and the Committee voted 8-0 to approve the motion.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were none.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Paradis moved to adopt the agenda as prepared. Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion and the Committee voted 9-0 to approve the motion.

V. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Phippen gave an update on the number of ships scheduled for the next few years.

Mr. Willis said there was nothing to add on behalf of the Police Department.

Mr. Knight informed the Committee that a cruise ship consultant had been hired and would begin work in February with a completion date in May.

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Update on amending the 2003 Cruise Ship Tour Bus Policy

The Committee reviewed the draft Cruise Ship Tour Bus Policy as amended by the subcommittee.

It was suggested that language be added to item 4. that stated that it would be "as needed", item 12. was relocated to the beginning of the document, and the word "activity" in item 2. was changed to "parking".

Mr. Paradis moved to recommend to the Town Council that the Cruise Ship Tour Bus Policy be amended as proposed by the Committee. Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion and the Committee voted 9-0-1 to approve the motion with Mr. McFarland abstaining.

b. Discussion on a breakwater improvement feasibility

Mr. Strong was not present to discuss this item but Mr. Phippen offered information he had on the matter. He noted that Mr. Strong was still in email contact with a representative of the Army Corps of Engineers and they have indicated that they are working up a cost estimate for repairs to the breakwater. It was also stated that there not be any money at the state level to fund the project.

Mr. Paradis moved to table to the next meeting. Mr. Phippen seconded the motion and the Committee voted 10-0 to approve the motion.

c. Future budgetary needs

Mr. Collins was not present to discuss this item. The Committee agreed that providing funding for the Ferry Terminal was not in the Committees purview and did not want to take this item up.

d. Update on status of ANP representative on the Committee

It was noted that there is a seat available on the Committee for a representative from Acadia National Park. Ms. Searchfield stated that she had been in contact with the Park and they indicated that there were still considering whether they would provide a representative on their behalf.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

Donna Karlson asked if there was reason that there seemed to be increased use of Cleftstone Road and West Street Ext. this summer by motor coaches, Oli's Trolley, and the local tour busses. She expressed concern for the use of those roads which are heavily used by bicyclists and pedestrians.

Mr. Gordon stated that was not the usual route and he was not aware of his busses taking that route. He suggested that if Ms. Karlson saw that happening again, she should get a bus number or a plate number and report it to the Police Department who would contact him.

Lois Maltais also suggested that the Tour Bus Policy should be distributed to the bus tour operators in the spring.

Jim O'Connell asked how many passengers that come off the ships take tours.

Mr. Gordon stated that 20-35% do but those numbers fluxuate based on the time of year and type of cruiser.

VIII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Discussion on breakwater improvement feasibility
- b. Review of 2017 daily passenger questionnaire results

IX. SET NEXT MEETING TIME, DATE AND PLACE

March 15, 2018 at 1:00 PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paradis moved to adjourn at 1:52 PM. Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion and the Committee voted 10-0 to approve the motion.

Signed as approved:

Angela M Chamberlain, Secretary
Cruise Ship Committee, Town of Bar Harbor

Date