

HARBOR COMMITTEE
Town of Bar Harbor
Minutes
Monday, January 14, 2019

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Lynn Williams at Bar Harbor Town Council Chambers, Bar Harbor Municipal Building.

Committee members in attendance were: Lynn Williams, Jamie Weir, Chris Maller, Bob Garland, Jon Carter, Valerie Peacock and Pancho Cole Member Sherry Rasmussen phoned into the meeting.

ITEM 2

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dessa Dancy asked if comments could be also made near the end of the meeting and was told that would be acceptable.

ITEM 3

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair commented that there was no December meeting thus no minutes.

ITEM 4

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ITEM 5

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ITEM 6

NEW BUSINESS:

New committee members were welcomed and comments were made by the attending committee members.

Town Manager Cornell Knight briefed the committee on the status of the closing date of 121 Eden Street property which has been extended to January 31 since former governor Paul LePage refused to sign the closing documents before he left office. Also, the committee was informed that the CAT Ferry lease has not been signed due to complications from the Government Shut Down. Mr. Knight provided the committee with four documents:

1. Bar Harbor Ferry Terminal Site Accommodation Study (Coplan Associates)
2. Five year planning chart
3. 2017 Bar Harbor Ferry Terminal Property Advisory Committee Study
4. Harbor Committee Amendment that added four new seats to the committee

Mr. Knight informed the committee that Bay Ferries has permission to start work before the lease is signed.

In open discussion, committee members expressed concerns and hopes for the 121 Eden Street Property.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to ask the Town of Bar Harbor to provide any and all relevant documentation concerning the 121 Eden Street property to the Harbor Committee to assist with the future planning for the site.

Harbormaster Charlie Phippin spoke about floating breakwaters/docks and relevant permitting. He suggested that the Town of Bar Harbor should maintain the Submerged Lands Lease on the 121 Eden Street Property.

Mr. Knight introduced Ron Beard who will facilitate committee meetings starting with the next regularly scheduled meeting at 4 pm on Monday, February 11. The Harbormaster read the purpose of the newly formed Harbor Committee and commented on moving forward.

There were public comments from :

Jake Jagel
Gary Conrad
Jim O'Connell
Dessa Dancy

ITEM 7

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

The committee will continue discussions about 121 Eden Street and decide on a meeting schedule at the Monday, February 11, 4 pm meeting in Council Chambers.

ITEM 8

At approximately 5:15 pm, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn.