

MINUTES
Bar Harbor Cruise Ship Committee
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 @ 3:30 PM
via Zoom Webinar

I. CALL TO ORDER—

- a. Excused absences—**Martha Searchfield, Dr. Jane Disney. Dr. Disney has received a promotion at the MDI Biological Lab and has resigned as a Cruise Ship Committee member. She will still be a valuable resource providing scientific assistance when needed.
- b. Late Arrival--**Larry Sweet.
- c. Early Departure—**Sandy McFarland
- d. Attendance—**Chairperson Eben Salvatore, Jen Cough, Councilor Matt Hochman, Sandy McFarland, Ken Smith, Jeremy Dougherty, John Kelly, Larry Sweet, Skip Strong, Amy Powers, Police Chief Jim Willis, Harbor Master Chris Wharff, Sarah Flink, Greg Gordon.

Police Chief Jim Willis, Harbor Master Chris Wharff, Skip Strong, Amy Powers, Greg Gordon and Sarah Flink are non-voting members. Lynn Kenison Higgins does not vote.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (UP TO 15 MINUTES)—Use raised hand function
There were not any public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES—January 26, 2022
Mr. Smith motioned to accept the minutes as presented, with second by Mr. McFarland.

<u>Salvatore</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Hochman</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>McFarland</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Dougherty</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Cough</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Smith</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Kelly</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>	<u>7-0.</u>

IV. STAFF REPORTS—Police Chief Willis reported that the Ground Transportation season meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of February or beginning of March. It will be important to review the Town Councils' Policy for ground transportation as there will be major changes taking place. Harbor Master Chris Wharff has arranged with NASBA to provide local training in use of the Police Department boat.

Harbor Master Wharff also explained the anchorage changes that have been enacted. It has been proposed that Anchorage B shall be located 600 ft. to the west of its present location, which will open up the area significantly for local fishermen. Harbor Master Wharff has been in contact with the Coast Guard regarding the letter sent to them of this change, and to place this change on nautical charts when finalized, ideally by the Spring.

There were not any significant changes in Cruise Ship reservations. Harbor Master Wharff reported there have been a few cancellations and 5 reservations awaiting confirmation for the 2022 season.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS--

- a.** Review CLIA Feasibility Comments—The presentation changed due to CLIA representatives being called away prior to the start of the meeting. The discussion then focused on the letter sent by CLIA requesting that a “small ship” include passenger capacity of 1000, explaining that the number would be inclusive of luxury or boutique ships, which is the demand of the majority of passengers. These types of cruise ships are not as available in smaller size or capacity. Council member Mr. Hockman did not feel that this was a number that the Town Council would agree upon. Ms. Flink commented that Juneau destination has a 550 cap. After much discussion Mr. Kelly motioned that the Cruise Ship Committee recommend to the Town Council that the definition of “small ship” remain at the passenger capacity of 250. Motion seconded by Mr. Dougherty.

<u>Salvatore</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Hochman</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>McFarland</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Dougherty</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Cough</u>	<u>N</u>
<u>Smith</u>	<u>N</u>
<u>Sweet</u>	<u>N</u>
<u>Kelly</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>	<u>5-3.</u>

- b. Recommendation to Town Council**—Ms. Cough motioned to recommend to the Town Council, which was seconded by Mr. McFarland: For September and October that Saturdays become the “no ship day” of the week, while allowing no more than three small ships.

<u>Salvatore</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Hochman</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>McFarland</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Dougherty</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Cough</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Smith</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Sweet</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Kelly</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>	<u>8-0.</u>

These changes would not affect any reservations that were made prior to the Town Councils’ memorandum. There were Cruise Ship Committee members that felt the day of the week designated as “no ship day” and the number that would define a “small ship” still needed clarification by the Town Council. All the above recommendations would be formally prepared for presentation to the Town Council by Chairperson Salvatore for the Town Council Meeting on February 15th. Motion was made by Mr. Smith for this to happen, with second by Ms. Cough.

<u>Salvatore</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Hochman</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>McFarland</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Dougherty</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Cough</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Smith</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Sweet</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Kelly</u>	<u>Y</u>

Motion passed 8-0.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (UP TO 15 MINUTES)-Use raised hand function
There were not any public comments.

VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Flink offered to work with Harbor Master Wharff creating reservation overlay for the 2024 season, which would provide more clarity how the proposed changes could work for future incoming reservations.

- a. Review Town Council Feedback
- b. Juneau Presentation
- c. COVID Update
- d.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT—5:10 p.m. Mr. Smith motioned to adjourn with second by Ms. Cough.

<u>Salvatore</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Hochman</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>McFarland</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Dougherty</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Cough</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Smith</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Sweet</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Kelly</u>	<u>Y</u>

Motion passed 8-0.