

Harbor Committee

Town of Bar Harbor

Minutes: Monday, May 10, 2021

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER – 4:08 p.m. Via Zoom Meeting Platform

Attendance: Ron Beard, Pancho Cole, Gary Fagan, Bob Garland, Annette Higgins, Jeff Miller, Val Peacock, Charlie Phippen, Jaime Weir, Chris Wharf, Lynne Williams

Absent: Jon Carter, Gary Fagan, Chris Maller, Larry Nuesslein

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes: unanimous

ITEM 3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

New Business Additions

-Charlie would like to discuss the expansion of the Pemaquid Mussel Farm on Sand Point in the New Business.

Motion to approve updated agenda: unanimous

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

A. None

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of proposed sixty eight acres Standard Aquaculture Site in the vicinity of Goggins Ledge off the shore of Salisbury Cove for raising shellfish.

Questions/Comments from Harbor Committee (HC)

-They currently have two leases on file (Charlie)

-Where is Goggins Ledge? Between Lamoine and Salisbury Cove (Bob/Charlie)

-Could this displace fisherman? (Val)

-How much say does the Harbor Committee have on aquaculture leases? Look at Harbormaster input (Jeff/Charlie))

-These topics and related legislature should discussed with neighboring towns and harbormasters (Lynne)

-Is increased aquaculture a statewide trend? Yes, statewide aquaculture is on the rise, has become a “hot button” issue (Jaime/Charlie)

-Check out Maine Aquaculture website for pending aquaculture leases (Bob/Charlie)

-Is there a Frenchman’s Bay Development Plan? We need a more comprehensive view/big picture (Val)

-Lynne is in agreement w/Val, more communication between neighboring towns

-All comments on pending aquaculture leases need to be submitted by June 2 (Charlie)

-How has Casco Bay been effected? Hard to compare (Bob/Charlie)

B. Town Council June Workshop Update

Questions/Comments from Harbor Committee (HC)

-Lynne made a presentation to the BH Town Council. Would have been more effective with Dan Bannon to answer questions, Town Council wants a June workshop (Ron)

- Bring everyone up to speed, discuss present condition and development strategies. Go over all budgeting steps. (Lynne/Val/Charlie/Ron)
- Present the multi-use facility that is recommended by the HC, which we were tasked to research (Ron)
- Alex de Koning joins the meeting. Gives brief update on his aquaculture operation and pending leases. Encourages questions from the HC.
- HC would like to be more informed on the operation and the local aquaculture industry before submitting questions.

ITEM 6 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Proposed aquafarm would be in a traffic lane/fishing area (Jim O'Connell)
- Supports a Frenchman's Bay advocacy group (Carol C.)

ITEM 7 CLOSING COMMENTS

NONE

ITEM 8 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

A. TBD

ITEM 9 ADJOURNEMENT 5:15 p.m.

Unanimous Approval

Respectfully submitted by Jaime W. Weir, Bar Harbor Harbor Committee member and secretary.