

MINUTES
Bar Harbor Cruise Ship Committee
Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 4:00 PM
Via Zoom Webinar

I. CALL TO ORDER—4:05pm

- a. Excused absences**-Greg Gordon, late arrival Chief Jim Willis
- b. Attendance**—Chairperson Eben Salvatore, Martha Searchfield, Sandy McFarland, John Kelly, Skip Strong, Harbormaster Chris Wharff, Police Chief Jim Willis, Amy Powers, Sara Flink, Jeremy Dougherty, Jennifer Cough, Larry Sweet, Ken Smith, Matt Hockman

Nonvoting members--Police Chief Jim Willis, Harbor master Chris Wharff, Amy Powers, Sara Flink, and Skip Strong. 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—April 7, 2022. The motion raised by Mr. Sweet, to approve minutes. Motion second by Mr. Smith. Motion passed.

<u>Searchfield</u>	<u>Y</u>
<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>9-0.</u>

IV. STAFF REPORTS—Harbor master Wharff reported there had been some tending issues corrected during the first cruise ship arrivals. The only other issues that have worked itself out were ships getting used to Anchorage B.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS--

- a. Review 2021 Cruise Ship Committee Annual Report**—Members were asked for any recommendations to be added to the report before going to the Town Council. Ms. Powers had submitted an addition. Chairperson Salvatore would also include the Breakwater restoration award when making the annual report revisions.
- b. Review 2022 Season**—Chief Willis reported that budget increases have helped significantly with necessary staffing increases and changes. All of the new changes implemented were going well so far. Discussion followed on different ways to provide visitors with information

about the town and Acadia National Park, without lots of paper waste, along with providing access to various apps. Ramifications of the Citizens' Initiative, should it pass in June were also discussed. Mr. Strong reported that the CAT will begin May 19th operating four days per week until June 22 or 23, 2022.

Harbormaster Wharff is awaiting results of Citizens' Initiative and updates from the Town Council in order to proceed with pending reservations of smaller cruise ships for the 2022 fall season, as well as how to proceed with the 95 cruise ships that already reserved for 2023 before the Town Councils' memorandum to stop future reservations.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (UP TO 15 MINUTES)—One public comment developed into clarifying questions regarding specific actions taken by the Cruise Ship Committee after the 2019 survey. It was explained that the primary function of the Committee is to advise and/or make suggestions to the Town Council when requested. Other questions were in regard to the bookings for the 2023 season, which were already in place prior to the Town Council's memorandum, and how reservations were handled for cruise lines known for their environmental impact.

VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Next meeting June 8, 2022 at 4:00pm.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT—4:45 pm.