

AGENDA
Bar Harbor Cruise Ship Committee
Wednesday, August 10, 2022 @ 4:00 PM
Via Zoom Webinar

I. CALL TO ORDER—4:10 pm.

- a. Excused absences—**Greg Gordon, Matt Hochman

- b. Present:** Larry Sweet, Jen Cough, Harbor Master Chris Wharff, Police Chief Jim Willis, Ken Smith, Eben Salvatore, John Kelly, Amy Powers, Martha Searchfield, Jeremy Dougherty, Sandy McFarland, Sara Flink, Skip Strong and Lynn Kenison Higgins. Non-voting members are Skip Strong, Sara Flink, Amy Powers, Police Chief Jim Willis and Harbor Master Chris Wharff. Lynn Kenison Higgins does not vote.

- c. Election of Officers—**Ken Smith made a motion for Martha Searchfield to be the new Chairperson for the Cruise Ship Committee. Eben Salvatore seconded the motion.

<u>Searchfield</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
<u>Salvatore</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>7-0.</u>

Newly elected Chairperson Searchfield and Committee members thanked Eben Salvatore for his years of service as chairperson, and for being a continued member of the Cruise Ship Committee.

Ken Smith made the motion for Larry Sweet as the Vice Chairperson for the Cruise Ship Committee. Sandy McFarland seconded the motion.

<u>Searchfield</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Salvatore</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>Abstained</u>
<u>Kelly</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>	<u>7-0.</u>

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (UP TO 15 MINUTES)—Use raised hand function

Jim O’Connell expressed his deep concern of how easily COVID was traveling to various ports because of cruise ships, while information was no longer being put forth as it had been. Zack Klyver used the raised hand function next; however, a motion was put forth to amend the agenda, and then another motion made to add Mr. Klyver’s Ropeless Fishing Gear to agenda item V. Regular Business, Section a.

John Kelly motion to amend the current agenda with a second by Ken Smith.

<u>Searchfield</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Salvatore</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>

Eben Salvatore then motion to add Zack Klyver’s Ropeless Fishing Gear to the V. Regular Business section a. of the agenda with second by Jen Cough.

<u>Searchfield</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Salvatore</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>

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES—June 8, 2022

The motion was made by Ken Smith to approve minutes as is, with a second by Larry Sweet.

<u>Searchfield</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Salvatore</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>

IV. STAFF REPORTS—Harbor Master Chris Wharff reported that all was going well so far this season. There had been only two days since June that a cruise ship was docked at the Town pier. Several Committee members concurred that the Harbor Master and staff have been doing a fantastic job.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS—

a. 2023 Cruise Ship Season Booking Status; Confirmed and Requested
Amended—Ropeless Fishing Gear—Zack Kliver presented to the Cruise Ship Committee how development this new equipment had been tested and improved upon by working with fishermen—specifically fishermen on MDI with a focus on the southern route of cruise ships. Mr. Klyver is hopeful for financial assistance in the amount of \$20,000.00. It was recommended to Mr. Klyver to also attend the Harbor Committee meeting. A motion was made to present Mr. Klyver’s idea to the Town Council by Mr. Salvatore with a second by Mr. McFarland.

<u>Searchfield</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Salvatore</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>

b. Citizens’ Petition; Cruise Ship Disembarkation—Possible Recommendation to the Town Council.

Amended—2023 Cruise Ship Season Booking Status—For the 2023 season 96 cruise ships have booked, with 76 requests pending.

c. Discuss Cruise Ship Management Plan—Amy Powers and Sara Flink requested themselves from this discussion. Jen Cough had to excuse herself from the rest of the meeting. Two points were voted upon to present to the Town Council.

Leaving the months April and November open for cruise ship bookings to help small businesses.

<u>Searchfield</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Salvatore</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>McFarland</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Dougherty</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Smith</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Sweet</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Kelly</u>	<u>N</u>
<u>Motion passed</u>	<u>6 yays, 1 nay</u>

Daily passenger cap of 5500 should remain unchanged to allow booking flexibility in achieving the monthly cap of 65,000 and increase the possibility of more off days.

<u>Searchfield</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Salvatore</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>McFarland</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Dougherty</u>	<u>N</u>
<u>Smith</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Sweet</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Kelly</u>	<u>N</u>

Motion passed 5 yays, 2 nays.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (UP TO 15 MINUTES)—Mr. O’Connell shared that while it is wrong for fishermen to get blamed for their gear killing whales, ropeless traps are too expensive for the average fisherman, and not a viable solution.

VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

LYNN KENISON HIGGINS