

MINUTES

Bar Harbor Cruise Ship Committee

Meeting of Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Bar Harbor Municipal Building — Council Chambers

Attendance:

Chairperson, Eben Salvatore and committee members Martha Searchfield, Stephen Coston (Town Councilor), Ken Smith, Skip (Prentice) Strong, Jeff Dobbs (Town Councilor), Katy DeGrass, Sandy McFarland, Greg Gordon, Jim Will, Sarah Flink, Amy Powers, and Michele Gagnon.

Charlie Phippen was excused.

Presently, there are three vacancies on the committee.

As of August 1, 2019, Skip Strong and Amy Powers are non-voting members

Ms. Gagnon did not vote.

Therefore, the voting membership for the meeting was 10.

City staff present — Manager Knight.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Salvatore called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July 18, 2019)

Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 18, 2019 meeting, as amended. Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (10-0).

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. O'Connell provided a handout, which he expanded upon, dated 7/15/19 (see Attachment A) that Chairman Salvatore corrected the date to 8/15/19. The handout was titled Cruise Tourism & Traffic Congestion in Bar Harbor: Improving the Visitor and Residential Experience.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Dobbs made a motion to adopt the agenda as prepared. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (10-0).

V. STAFF REPORTS

None

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. **Council directive to review CLIA Report** – Chairman Salvatore explained that he had met the previous day to review the Cruise Tourism & Traffic Congestion in Bar Harbor: Improving the Visitor and Resident Experience report with Councilors Dobbs and Coston, Manager Knight, Ms. Powers, and CLIA officials. The Committee reviewed the report and prioritized the recommendations as shown in the table below.

SHORT TERM	LONG TERM	NO FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME
Safety/Chief Willis 5.1; 5.2; 5.4A; 5.5; 5.11	Comprehensive Transportation Planning 5.11; 5.4B; 5.5; 5.7; 5.7.1; 5.9; 5.10.1; 5.14; 5.15; 5.16; 4.1.7; 4.2; 4.4	Town Pier Redesign 5.8
Signage 5.6; Better Wayfinding		Port Authority 5.12
Minor "Pierscaping" 4		Tendering Arrival Location 5.3
Bus Logistics 5.9; 5.10		
Ferry Terminal Parking 5.13		
School Parking 5.14		
Delivery Trucks 5.16		
Research of Possible Grant Funding pages 3 and 38		
Tender Departure/Timing: 4.1.7		
Acadia Transportation Plan 4.4; Establish communication/workshop		

- b. **Discussion on next steps regarding Council directive to conduct air emission monitoring** - Manager Knight explained that he had spoken to Andy Johnson from the MDEP Bureau of Air Quality. That the town is looking to have an air quality station near the pier such as the one located on McFarland Hill. The idea would be for the town to contract with the MDEP to monitor the ambient air but have it paid by Carnival Cruise Line. Ms. Powers explained that having Carnival Cruise Line pay would be punitive and the cost should be shared amongst all users. Manager Knight replied that Carnival Cruise Line is the cruise line that has had major violations. He added that the directive from the Town Council is that Carnival Cruise Line should pay. Ms. Powers passed information from the Cruise Industry (see attachment B) titled Sustaining the Seas We Sail for committee members to review. Ms. Flink's earlier email regarding a study in Victoria, British Columbia, was also referred to as good information for the members to review.

- c. **Finding from Professor Gabe's Study** – There was no study to review.
- d. **Other** – No comments.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
O'Connell commented further.

X. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a. **Cruise Tourism & Traffic Congestion in Bar Harbor: Improving the Visitor and Resident Experience report**
- b. **Air emission monitoring at the harbor**
- c. **Finding from Professor Gabe's Study**

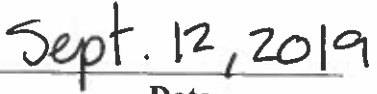
XI. SET MEETING DATE AND TIME
Thursda, September 12 at 1:00 PM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith made a motion that the committee adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (10-0).

Minutes approved by the Cruise Ship Committee on September 12, 2019


Michele Gagnon, Secretary


Date