

Minutes
Special Bar Harbor Town Council
Emerson School Gymnasium
September 5, 2018

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – 6:00 P.M. – In attendance were Councilors: Gary Friedmann, Stephen Coston, Paul Paradis, Joe Minutolo, Erin Cough, Judie Noonan (arrived 6:10pm) and Town Manager Cornell Knight. Absent: Matthew Hochman.

Chair Freidmann made opening remarks and stated there was one simple question before us, either yes or no to move forward with Bay Ferries.

- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Paradis, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to adopt the agenda as published. Motion passed 5-0.

III. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- A. Introduction** – Tom Crikelair summarized the 8 steps identified by the steering committee and spoke to values, timing and money regarding an international ferry, municipal parking and public waterfront access.
- B. Bay Ferries Proposal** – Mark MacDonald covered highlights from the July 11 proposal and spoke to ongoing activities by Bay Ferries since, including discussions with Customs and Border Patrol and the Coast Guard, and the hiring of several firms for evaluations and design components. Bay Ferries representatives have also been attending meetings of the Town’s Harbor and Cruise Ship Committees. Mr. MacDonald spoke to the issues of security zones and timing. He revealed a revised drawing of the footprint Bay Ferries would require at the site.
- C. Landscape Plan** – Sam Coplon stated that his task was to determine whether public activities can co-exist with Bay Ferries but it is not a definitive plan. The plan was to include parking for 200+ vehicles, multi-use public space, docking/marina/slips, a boat ramp and a bus/shuttle stop, all outside the revised boundaries identified earlier by Bay Ferries. The actual layout will be the subject of a future planning process. Mr. Coplon shared three conceptual drawings, one without a marina and two marina options. He also shared photos of existing repurposed piers and commercial waterfronts to show precedence for how the space can become green.
- D. Comments and Q&A** – Jill Goldthwait facilitated questions and comments from the audience. The following residents spoke: Barbara Fenderson, Don Murphy, Ellen Grover, Bo Greene, Dennis Bracale, Diane Vreeland, Rob Jordan, Pat Kilbride, Mike Handwerk, Val Peacock, Peggy Richardson, Jon Carter, Rob Levin, Anne Marie Quin, Trish Nolan, Laureen Donnelly, Geoffrey Fraser, Jeff Miller, Anna Durand, Sherry Rasmussen, Noreen Hunter, Dessa Dancy, Michael Good, and Jim O’Connell. David Gelinis, President of Penobscot Bay & River Pilots Association, also spoke regarding State of Maine Pilotage Statutes.

- IV. ADJOURNMENT** - Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Coston, moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

Sharon M Linscott, Town Clerk