

Harbor Committee

Town of Bar Harbor

Minutes: Monday, January 11, 2021

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER – 4:02 p.m. Via Zoom Meeting Platform

Attendance: Dan Bannon, Ron Beard, Jerry Blandford, Pancho Cole, Gary Fagan, Bob Garland, Annette Higgins, Bethany Leavitt, Jeff Miller, Val Peacock, Charlie Phippen, Kathleen Rybarz, Eben Salvatore, Jaime Weir, Lynne Williams
Absent: Jon Carter, Chris Maller, Larry Nuesslin

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes: 7 approved, 1 abstain (Bob G.)

ITEM 3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda: unanimous

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

A. GEI update on Ferry Terminal Pier (Dan Bannon)

1) Progress

2) Update on Assessment

-Separate north and south pier (for assessment purposes)

North pier

-limited live load capacity

-option #1, operate short term w/minimal repairs

-option #2, operate long term w/significant repairs or replacement (dolphin system, etc.)

South pier

-better condition than north pier, same overall repair options as north

3) Concept Design for Marina

consists of: design standards, site conditions, uses (commercial, recreational, etc.), exposure, NNW - NNE) and components of design (depth, etc.)

3a) Concept Plan #1

-demo south pier

-temporary north pier repair, long term dolphin replacement

-wave attenuators

-interior boat ramp

-docking for all size boats

3b) Concept Plan #2

-similar to #1

-reduce size of south extension/keep existing south pier

-include truck access for a commercial fishing pier

3c) Concept Plan #3

-relocate launching ramp to the southern edge of property (close to property line)

-retain more of south pier

-area for truck turn around

-less capacity than concept #1 & #2

4) Next Steps

-Feedback from Harbor Committee (HC)

-Final Analysis/Cost Estimate to the town of Bar Harbor (est. February 2021)

- Outline Future Steps
- Identify preferred design, source funding, permitting, grants, etc.
- Construction

Questions/Comments from Harbor Committee

- Submerged Land Permit (Bob and Charlie)
- Do the concepts include a fuel platform (Pancho)
- Ferry propwash will be an issue at the marina (Jerry)
- Does the ramp in concept #1 & #2 have enough space for proper launch/haul (Jaime)
- Will the launching ramp have a nearby float for temporary use (Jeff)
- Have considerations been made if Bay Ferries lease is not renewed in 3 years (Jeff)
- Floating attenuators can be reconfigured but can be costly depending on securing method (Charlie)
- Essential to look to the future (Ron)
- Can the construction be completed in phases (Val)
- Which concept(s) will bring in the most revenue for the town of Bar Harbor (Bethany)
- Has future sea level rise been factored in (Bethany)
- Site elevation is favorable for construction, sea level rise, etc. (Dan)

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Fin Fish presentation by Kathleen Rybarz

- proposal to lease 100 acres near Porcupine Island
- farm raised salmon in a closed pen system
- ideal operation launch Fall 2021

Questions/Comments from HC

- High traffic area (Jerry)
- Barge on site, generator and lights running periodically throughout the day/night (Kathleen)
- Expect opposition from lobstermen (Gary)
- Noise will be an issue (Jeff)
- DEP discharge permits, operation will take a number of years to get up and running (Chris Peterson)
- Planning and operation is in the very initial stages, poor location (lobster traps) (Fiona de Koning)

ITEM 6 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ferry prop wash will be an issue at marina, will floating docks be adequate (Eben)
- Anchorage relocation discussion 1/14/21 @ 3 pm (Eben)

ITEM 7 CLOSING COMMENTS

NONE

ITEM 8 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A.** Discuss GEI preliminary report
- B.** Full discussion on Ferry Terminal Pier

ITEM 9 ADJOURNEMENT 5:23 p.m.

Unanimous Approval

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