

## **Harbor Committee**

### **Town of Bar Harbor**

Minutes: Monday, February 8, 2021

#### **ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 p.m. Via Zoom Meeting Platform**

Attendance: Dan Bannon, Ron Beard, Jerry Blandford, Jon Cater, Pancho Cole, Gary Fagan, Bob Garland, Bethany Leavitt, Jeff Miller, Larry Neusslein, Val Peacock, Charlie Phippen, Jaime Weir, Lynne Williams

Absent: Chris Maller

#### **ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes: unanimous

#### **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) GEI survey is completed

2) Executive Summary

-age of structure 1956

-current state of structure (deterioration)

-extensive repair required

-repair vs. replacement

3) Field Inspection

-above/below water structure conditions

-super and sub structure (1/3 of piles are in critical condition)

-site conditions

4) Evaluation and Assessment

-dead and live load analysis (vertical and lateral)

-original condition vs. existing

-pile analysis (majority are limited capacity), “LC Piles”

-remaining capacity summary

-mooring/berthing analysis (CAT Ferry)

-Pier is adequate to continue use AS IS

-recommend no vehicles, pedestrian use only

5) Recommendations

A) Short Term Operation Restrictions (Implement Immediately)

B) Short Term Repairs

-2 to 3 years

-cost \$5.4 million

C Long Term Repairs

-3 to 5 years

-cost \$17.6 million

#### D) Long Term Demolition and Replacement

- replace with suitable structure for proposed future uses
- include recreational marina
- concept cost \$14 million

#### 6) Next Steps

- GEI work is complete
- submit report
- review/comment

#### Questions/Comments from Harbor Committee (HC)

- Great job! (Lynne)
  - Curious of different costs w/demo, dolphins, etc. (Jeff)
  - How long would the short term repair last? 25 years? (Bethany)
  - Is the American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE) the only assessment reference? (Bethany)
  - Excellent report, structure is no longer useful as is. (Bob)
  - Does the Bar Harbor Town Council get a copy of the report? (Ron)
  - Yes, they do get a copy. (Charlie)
  - Next step should be the Harbor Committee recommendations to the town council. (Charlie)
- Dan Bannon (GEI) departs meeting

### **ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Discuss Cruise Ship Committee possible recommendation to shift anchorage B one tenth of a mile west of the current location to reduce lobster gear conflicts.

#### Questions/Comments from HC

- Fisherman would appreciate the shift (Jon C.)
  - Where in relation to the proposed Fin Fish Facility? (Lynne)
  - You can see location on NOAA chart (Charlie)
  - Requests more information on the Fin Fish Operations (Jon C.)
  - Not a good location (Fin Fish), fishing fleet would not approve (Jon C.)
  - Any downside to moving anchorage? (Jeff)
  - No downside, better for cruise ships (Larry/Jerry)
- HC should submit their Ferry Terminal Pier recommendation to the BH Town Council (Ron)
- Suggestion to poll HC members to which GEI recommendation they support (see poll below (Jerry))
- Demo existing structure (Jeff)
  - Work w/CAT Ferry, demo (Jon C.)
  - Demo existing structure (Pancho)
  - Demo, repair is more than replacement (Jaime)
  - Agree w/Jaime, factor in cruise ships and work w/CAT (Val)
  - Timing might work out w/CAT lease, likes a combination of #1 & #3 proposal (Bob)
  - Agree w/Bob, timing might work out with CAT (Jerry)
  - Likes combination of proposal #1 & #3, yes on fishing pier, reduce size of opening (Larry)

### **ITEM 6 PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Keep in mind Security Zone, can a marina work w/the CAT at the dock? (Carol C.)

**ITEM 7 CLOSING COMMENTS**  
NONE

**ITEM 8 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**A.** Work towards a final recommendation to Town Council for future uses at the Bar Harbor Ferry Terminal.

**ITEM 9 ADJOURNEMENT** 5:21 p.m.  
Unanimous Approval

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