Harbor Commission Meeting

Present: Captain Richard Spear, Richard Whitman, Howie Edwards (acting Chair), Guy Polyblank, Ed Glaser

Absent: Sam Ladley, Melissa Maker, Joe Auciello

September minutes approved.

## Fish Pier Report:

### **Richard Whitman**

All paid up with just a few outstanding. Still waiting on surveyor for dredging – he'll contact Al when he's ready. State DOT consultant with Al re: bond (for all three fish piers in State) – shovel ready projects – ask for a million dollars – good shot at getting it and put everything on it including dredging, lights, parking lot, etc.

Chinese buyer planning on next year as well – buying lobsters/price is up. Two processors in Canada have been purchased by Chinese companies – anticipate processing millions of pounds over the next few years. The majority of these will be caught in this area.

## Harbormaster's Report:

- University of Maine Service Seminar students in Engineering are studying the Rockland Public Landing (ADA, flood plain issues, tide increases, etc.) and they may have some creative ideas. Paul Pottle is acting as supervisor (worked with DOT/Spofford Engineers) and he's willing to sign off on their plan if it's a good one. Working on it now through next April.
- Buoy Park vendors: The proprietor of Pho Sizzle would like to talk to the Harbor Management Commission about the Blues Festival and the Lobster Festival – kept customers away he felt. He was happy with the Boats & Harbors show as he was in the food area. He may be able to work with the Blues Festival and Lobster Festival and move to a better place during those events. He's also interested in pursuing a "late night" facet and was told to consult the Code Office about it. Both Duo's and Pho Sizzle did well this past year and they are looking to open in mid- May and remain open until mid-October next year.
- Budget: 7/1/14 began new fiscal year. Budget considers next spring incoming dollars (moorings, etc.) The Harbor made more and spent less and Ed's happy. \$12,362 made for the City.

## Old Business

M/V Monhegan is still there. Bill of sale being done perhaps – not sure to whom. No timeline for leaving. Fairly sure there's no insurance on it.

## New Business

Rewrite food vendor permit – have they expanded too much space wise? 10' x 20' space – too much "outlying" stuff beyond the footprint? (Should Ed be in charge or the Rec Department?) Part e.) = "self-contained" – push back picnic tables at night.

They dump their own grey water at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. They're pushing the lot size with outlying storage and coolers, etc.

Change number 10 to read "This permit shall expire on October 31<sup>st</sup> instead of the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Middle Pier pilings need work! "Capital Improvement" - not out of maintenance budget. Insurance claim rather than new repairs? Can't do lease – never funded \$10,000 – Port Development fund maybe?

# **Applications**

Captain Jack, Morning in Maine and Two Toots. Deposits and info given. Motion made by Captain Spear to accept all three. Seconded by Howie Edwards; all in favor of acceptance.

Captain Spear motioned to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Richard seconded. All approved

Submitted by, Sandy Billington