

Town of Islesboro
Harbor Committee
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2012 @ 7:00 PM
Town Office Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Tom Daley, Mark Small, Robert Achorn, David Sleeper, and Jay T. Zlotkowski. Excused Palmer Sargent and Robert Clatyon.

Others Present: Janet Anderson, Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and a quorum was established.

MOTION by J. Zlotkowski, seconded by R. Achorn to approve the minutes of July 19, 2012 as written. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Safety Ladders, Grindle Point: To the best of the Committee's knowledge, there are safety ladders on the both the easterly and southerly floata at Grindle Point, as well as life-rings.
- The GPS unit is at the Town Office. The Committee has still not arranged GPS readings of mooring locations to be done, and will discuss further during budget talks. The difficulty they are having is finding someone who knows how to use the equipment and someone who can enter the data into the computer program.

DINGHY FLOATS:

Dinghy Floats: There are three dinghy floats at Seal Harbor that are due to be replaced next spring. John Gorham from Dark Harbor Boatyard provided specs but they are not exactly what the Committee is looking for. The Committee was in agreement that the float decking going lengthwise makes for a stronger structure. Tom Daley will either contact John Gorham or Custom Floats to work on getting better specs for what the committee is looking for which will include:

- 1) Size of 8' x 20'
- 2) Stainless screws on the decking.
- 3) Pressure treated wood construction
- 4) Completion date by April 1, 2013
- 5) 2 x 6 decking
- 6) Rub rail
- 7) Connecting hardware

- 8) Lengthwise decking
- 9) 1 chain plate

Janet Anderson asked about placing some type of step or platform that goes from the main floats to the dinghy floats at Seal Harbor as it is quite a step down from the main float. The Committee agreed that something could be placed there and wondered if Public Works could construct something. Bob Achorn said that he asked Public Works quite some time ago to place a couple of cleats on the incline but that was never done. He said historically any of the smaller jobs were done by Public Works.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Easterly Incline at Seal Harbor: The easterly incline at Seal Harbor is in need of replacement or repair. With budget restraints, the Committee is considering constructing only two dinghy floats rather than three, and instead repair or replace the incline. Tom Daley will call around and get prices for inclines. He will try Rockport Steele. He will find out if they feel it can be fixed rather than replaced. The incline would most likely need to be removed to repair it, and this could be done in the quiet season without too much disruption.
- Float configuration at Grindle Point: The Committee agreed that the current float configuration on the easterly side at Grindle Point is not working. It is limiting dinghy space rather than increasing dinghy space. The Committee discussed other possible configurations. Dave Sleeper will look at this more and discuss with Town Manager
- Town Harbor Work Distribution: Both Harbor Masters have heard from various organizations that they would like to provide services relating to harbor work to the Town. The Town currently gives both IME and PYY the routine work on the floats, piers, etc.
Janet Anderson said that for work over a certain amount of money, per the Town's Purchasing Ordinance, the work is put out to bid, and for smaller jobs, the Town can contract with whomever is available or those who have routinely done the work in the past.

OUT-HAULS AT GRINDLE POINT

There are currently 4-6 out-hauls at Grindle Point right now. The people who have out-hauls also have dinghy permits for boats up to 12 feet. Janet Anderson said that if people are putting larger boats (larger than 12 feet) on an out-haul and are only getting a dinghy permit, then they are not being forthright when they purchase their dinghy permit. It was felt that the out-hauls should be reassessed on a yearly basis and fees should be considered at some point. There needs to be a better, more consistent way of determining who gets an out-haul, how many should be allowed at Grindle Point, and whether there should be a fee.

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- Winch cable needs to be replaced at Grindle Point: Dave Sleeper noted that the blue/white propylene lift cable has been compromised. He spoke to Bill Boardman and requested that PYY replace this as soon as possible.
- There have been complaints that PYY often has too many boats tied up to the Grindle Point floats at the same time, and that Quicksilver has been tying up to the easterly floats when there is already a reserved spot for the QS on the southerly floats. This is the jurisdiction of the Harbor Master, and he should address this with PYY.
- There are cleats that need to be repaired at Seal Harbor and other repairs that need to be done. R. Achorn feels that Public Works should be able to do the small repairs.

Motion by D. Sleeper to adjourn the meeting. R. Achorn seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Pike
Secretary the Islesboro Harbor Committee