

Depoe Bay Harbor Commission – Regular Meeting
Wednesday October 30, 2013 – 7:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: E. Harmon, L. Goddard, P. Robison, R. Smolcic, N. Achen
ABSENT: J. Grant, L. Robison
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, Harbormaster P. Shane

Vice-Chairman L. Goddard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and established a quorum.

Approval of Minutes – May 29, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION: P. Robison moved to approve the minutes as written. L. Goddard seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION – None

Vice-Chairman L. Goddard said it was moved and seconded and called for vote by show of hands.

Minutes approved.

AYES: E. Harmon, L. Goddard, P. Robison, R. Smolcic, N. Achen

2nd Roll Called: AYES: E. Harmon, L. Goddard, P. Robison, R. Smolcic, and N. Achen

Correspondence –

P. Murray reviewed the various emails from Washington DC regarding efforts and progress on funding for dredging. (See e-mails attached to original minutes)

Public Input – None

Liaison Officer Report

L. Goddard stated he has not been able to attend City Council meetings for some time and asked the Mayor, AJ Mattila if he had anything from the council. AJ Mattila stated that calling for a show of hands is not appropriate; Robert Rules of Order requires a roll call. L. Goddard called the roll to approve the minutes from May 29th 2013, Harbor Commission meeting. AJ Mattila asked P. Murray to inform the Harbor Commission on City Council activities. P. Murray reviewed the adoption of Ordinance 298 to amend Harbor Ordinance 292.

Harbormaster's Report –

P. Shane reported the he was currently removing finger piers getting the harbor ready for winter, moving boats to winter locations. This also involves a new process of tracking electric meters. P. Shane stated he was concerned about theft of the aluminum finger piers, in particular the cleats, he would like to store them at the Waste Water Treatment Plant for the winter. AJ Mattila supported this and felt the Harbor Commission should vote on it tonight. N. Achen reported that someone complained about being told to get their crab pots off the docks. P. Shane stated he would be more courteous in the future. L. Goddard supports the storing of the finger piers at the WWTP, doesn't think the Harbor Commission needs to act on it; it's at the harbormasters discretion.

Unfinished Business –

A. Dock Maintenance-
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L. Goddard stated there were still problems with the pins and hinges on dock 2 & 3. P. Shane stated he would get right on it after he pulls the finger piers.

P. Shane reported that the drain by the fish cleaning station parking lot is sinking. He'll keep an eye on it.

New Business –

A. Otter Rock Marine Reserve Sign Placement-ODFW

Stacy Gallaher of ODFW was here to get suggestions for the placement of Otter Rock Marine Reserve sign in the harbor. Stacy would like to post a sign by the boat launch but all the existing sign posts are full; they would need a new post. She'd also like to post a Cascade Head sign. L. Goddard thought it would be a good idea after the area is closed. Stacy stated the signs would not be ready till the beginning of 2014. P. Shane commented that there are a lot of signs, maybe get a kiosk just for signs. Stacy stated the ODFW Restoration & Enhancement group may be able to help with a kiosk.

Discussion of sign information:

AJ Mattila noted that Marine Reserve limitations are listed, could other restrictions be added to help fisherman. N. Achen would also like to see information on Limited Take Areas on the sign, or add page # of regulation guide. Stacy replied that page #'s can change from year to year, maybe a page bracket. L. Goddard suggested that rather than voting tonight wait and see the revisions. P. Robison stated he and P. Shane could check out locations by the launch ramp. Zeke Olsen reported that the USCG Auxiliary booth will be delivered in the near future and they need to be aware of its location to not conflict with the sign. AJ Mattila stated that the Harbor Commission is an advisory group to the City Council and advised Stacy to make her proposal to either the Harbor Commission or City Council and it will be taken care of.

Commissioner Concerns –

N. Achen stated her concern was on the lack of meetings, consecutive meeting cancellations. What is the reason? L. Goodard responded that he couldn't answer except that if everybody is busy and there is no pressing business then the meeting is canceled. N. Achen stated that we should be sure members can attend the meetings. And further stated her concern that: what if there was an issue that needed to be resolved. L. Goddard reported of a long history of getting people to meetings, having a lack of quorum. N. Achen stated that even if nothing is on the agenda they should meet to think of things.

N. Achen reported that she understood that proper procedures were not followed when the new boat came into the harbor. L. Goddard asked "In what way?" N. Achen reported she did not have the details. L. Goddard stated that you don't have to be on the waiting list to moor in the harbor, transient moorage is available. N. Achens said she feels like things are becoming one-sided, things need to be fair. L. Goddard stated everything was done by the regulations.

E. Harmon stated she was concerned about where the new boat will be in the summer when more boats come in paying higher moorage. P. Shane stated it will be placed in transient moorage in the spring, currently in a winter space. P. Shane puts transient boats where he can, to use space for the good of the harbor. It was also noted that the moorage rate for yearly transient is the same as the rate for yearly reserved moorage. E. Harmon stated she was disappointed in the lack of meetings, she was elected in August of 2013 and this was her first meeting. Members should try to make it to the meetings.

L. Goddard had concerns regarding the signage painted on the asphalt in the parking lot by the fish cleaning station. He suggested that a limit of time for parking versus no parking to give folk's time to access the fish cleaning station. The Harbor Commission knew nothing about this being done.

AJ Mattila stated he had observed numerous times pickup & boats parked there, blocking, using city water to wash boats and vehicles over & over again. We are going to take care of the fish carcass problem in the next year. The area is for everyone not just a select few.

L. Goddard welcomed Eva Harmon to the Harbor Commission.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

L. Goddard, Vice-Chairman

Kathy Vinson, Port Secretary