

Harbor Advisory Committee
Firehouse Trust Building
May 25, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair, Skip Montello; Vice Chair, Chris Murch; Phil Crotty; Steve Fritch; Fred Hillier; Larry Stepenuck; Toby O'Connell

Absent: Dana Jorgensson; Kevin Carrigan

Mr. Montello noted an abundance of old lobster gear on town beaches. Some of the heavier gear needs a barge to be removed. The Committee expressed they would like to get the community involved with picking up smaller items like bottles, cans, and papers. This idea was tabled for further discussion.

MOTION:

Mr. Crotty made a motion to approve the minutes for February 2016 and March 2016, Mr. Fritch seconded. Vote was 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Harbormaster Report

Mr. Montello read the Harbormaster's Report to the Committee in their absence (placed on file).

- a) Pigeon Cove breakwaters are on schedule and near completion at the end of June or the beginning of July.
- b) Rockport Harbor/Bradley Wharf - 15 pilings were delivered a week ago in preparation for piling replacements around the harbor.
- c) Mooring bills are running late due to a change in software at Town Hall. They will be mailed by 6/1.
- d) The Mass Harbormaster Association is establishing a security camera system from the New Hampshire border to the Cape Cod Canal. Rockport will receive six to eight cameras for its section of the coast.

General Updates

Mr. Crotty reported the \$20,000 from Senator Tarr's office has come through for the Granite Pier project. DPW has signed a contract with GZA Consultants to do the work.

Mr. Stepenuck reported he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pigeon Cove Lobster and Fishermen Co-op. He said there have been complaints about damage to existing moorings. Consequently, he wrote a report about what procedures could be put

in place to address this. He will distribute his report to the Harbormasters and Selectmen.

Mr. Crotty reported the Straitsmouth Island Committee has applied for CPC funds to build a ramp so it is easier to land, and transport people over to the island.

Mr. Crotty was reappointed for another three years by the Board of Selectmen to the Harbor Advisory Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Murphy
Recording Secretary