

Rockport Harbor Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of September 24, 2014

Adopted 11-19-2014

Place and time: Old Firehouse Trust at 6PM

Present: Chairman Skip Montello;; Kevin Carrigan; ; Phil Crotty; Dana Jorgenson; Steve Fritch

Absent: Vice Chairman Chris Murch; Fred Hillier; Larry Stepenuck

Also Absent: Harbormasters Scott Story and Rosemary Lesch

Other Attendees: Sandy Jacques

Quorum was Present

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:05 PM and turned to the agenda. The agenda was the same as the previous month, when the AHC did not have a quorum present. The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the HAC committee meeting of June 2014, which Ms. Jorgenson moved to approve and Steve Fritch seconded, and all voted aye to accept; and also the HAC committee minutes for the meeting of July 2014, which Ms. Jorgenson again moved to approve, and Steve Fritch seconded, and again all voted aye to accept.

The Chairman turned to the agenda items number 2 and 4 regarding Granite Pier extension feasibility study. He reported that the Rockport citizens had approved the CPC-funding of the feasibility study at the September 8th town meeting. That the Chairman reported the town administrator had sent a letter to the Army Corps requesting they begin the initial feasibility study; and a meeting had been held between the Army Corps and a subcommittee she had appointed. There is an Army Corps questionnaire to be completed to kick off the Army Corps action and that will be handled by the DPW and harbormasters. The matter is out of the hands of the HAC now—except for assistance as might be requested. More information will follow at the October HAC meeting.

Regarding agenda item #3 on the subject of the Tool Company and the AHC letter sent to the DEP, there was nothing to report. The Harbormasters were not present to update.

Turning to number 5, old and new business, members noted the moorings in Rockport Harbor are mostly moved for the Army Corps breakwater repairs to start in October. Mr. Fritch noted surveyors had been seen on the site. Ms. Jorgenson asked if there was to be a walkway on the improved Bearskin Neck breakwater and nobody knew the answer. Mr. Fritch noted that some granite had already been delivered. Visitor Jacques noted that the own DPW trucks had brought some material to the site and the biggest granite blocks were coming from New Hampshire.

Ms. Jorgenson discussed the matter of an HAC workshop in the off-season. She suggested the committee can brainstorm with members of the fishing fleet. Any changes to Town Bylaws and regulations do not need to go to Town Meeting, she found out from the Town Administrator, and only need to be approved by the BOS.

Mr. Carrigan asked for the status on the Pigeon Cove cleanup, and the Chairman pointed out that will have to wait until M. Hillier is present. It will be on the October agenda. Ms. Jorgensson mentioned the prospect of a cleanup day for unwanted fishing gear and junk, and that will be discussed at the forthcoming workshop.

Ms. Jorgensson and Mr Crotty both stated they will not be present at the October meeting. The Chairman asked the visitor if he had any further comments for the meeting, and he said no.

A motion was made by Mr Crotty and seconded by Ms. Jorgensson to adjourn at 6:20 PM. All voted Aye.