

MINUTES OF THE PETERSBURG HARBORS AND PORTS ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING, HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

1. **ROLL CALL** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bangs at 12:05 p.m in the Assembly Chambers. Present: Chairman Bangs; Board Members Thynes, Reid, Martin, Dolan and Quitslund. Absent: Board Member Pfundt.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** Minutes of the April 24, 2013 Regular meeting and minutes of the May 24, 2013 Special meeting were approved, as submitted
3. **AMENDMENT & APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA** The agenda was amend to switch the order of 8A&B. The agenda, as amended was approved.
4. **VISITORS VIEWS UNRELATED TO AGENDA** None
5. **VISITORS VIEWS RELATED TO AGENDA** Jared Cook, enforcement officer for National Marine Fisheries requested to speak to item 8A.
6. **HARBORMASTER REPORT** Harbormaster Wollen reviewed her written report. The report is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes. The Board held a general discussion on the report items of: ADOT's plans to change the South Harbor parking lot entrance and Ocean Beauty's interest in the old Piston & Rudder site.

The Harbor has received approval for two grants from the State: \$45,910 for the Troller Work Float and \$225,800 for a fish cleaning float.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** No items.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - B. Papke's Landing** Community Development Director Luczak informed of the Planning Commission's recommendation to proceed with an application to acquire parcel 8b at Papke's Landing from the Mental Health Trust, and to explore the acquisition of parcel 8B through the Land Selection process. During discussion, it was noted that acquisition of the existing Papke's float site from the State will be easier than acquiring land from Mental Health Trust. In addition, it was noted that the borough has yet to explore the future maintenance needs and costs of acquiring either parcel. By a unanimous vote, the Board recommended the assembly pursue acquisition of parcel 8b at Papke's Landing from Mental Heath Trust.
 - A. Fish Cleaning Station Recommendation** Harbormaster Wollen informed of recent notification from the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding the need for the Borough to take steps to reduce human interactions with sea lions within our harbors. Eliminating fish waste disposal within the harbors may go a long way to ease the problems. Wollen shared how other communities deal with their sport caught fish waste. Sitka and Homer are harbors servicing considerable commercial charter businesses and provide fish disposal services. Petersburg's use of the fish cleaning stations is geared more to subsistence fishing, whereas the costs for disposal cannot be passed on to users of the fish cleaning stations. National Marine Fisheries Enforcement Officer Jerod Cook said that because the matter is a safety issue, he suggested the harbor not consider take possession of people's fish waste but rather develop rules for fish waste disposal, including having a designated no dump area. Consensus was the first action step to be taken is to stop the continued dumping of fish waste in the harbor. Resident Craig Anderson expressed his concerns for the Borough to educate the public for the need of any changes and look at a long term

solution. He also expressed his displeasure with fish cleaning stations being located with launching facilities. After considerable discussion, a motion to recommend to the assembly to draft an ordinance prohibiting the disposal of fish waste within the harbors was unanimously approved.

Design, location and operation of a future fish cleaning station was discussed.

- 9. **COMMUNICATIONS** None.
- 10. **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS** None.
- 11. **ADJOURN** The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Date Approved
