

Sitka Port and Harbors Commission Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 6:00PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall

Port and Harbors Commission Members:
Josh Arnold, Melissa Greenhalgh, Dave Gordon,
Michael Nurco, Brendan Jones,
Matthew Hunter: Assembly Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nurco called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Michael Nurco, Melissa Greenhalgh, Josh Arnold, Brendan Jones

Assembly Liaison: Matthew Hunter

Absent: Dave Gordon (excused)

Staff: Harbormaster Stan Eliason, Office Manager Kristi Jones, Senior Planner Michael Scarcelli

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Harbormaster Eliason, received a letter from Baranof Warm Springs home owner, Lani Brennan for the commission to recommend helping Alaska Whale Foundation (AWF) monitor and be paid as active agent to collect fees. Harbormaster Eliason received a letter from USCG regarding Short Term Rentals in Harbors.

IV. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M - Jones/S - Arnold moved to approve the March 8, 2017 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

- 1.) Harbormaster - Stan Eliason let the commission know that the harbor crew was prepping the docks and facilities for summer use. Pressure washing, painting and many other things were in the works. Eliason stated that he was working with the Police Department to remove abandon vehicles from the harbors during spring cleanup. Eliason spoke regarding the use of transient docks during Sac-Roe Herring had been great and he will provide the commission with the numbers generated from Sac-Roe to the harbors at the next meeting in May. Eliason informed the commission that he was working with NMFS to educate the boating public to not feed sea lions. Eliason also informed the commission that he was promoting skiff and kayak use through the Sitka soup.
- 2.) City Staff - Senior Planner, Michael Scarcelli - Would be speaking during new business, related to the items under new business.
- 3) Chair - None.

- 4) Assembly Liaison – Mayor Matthew Hunter, informed the commission that the assembly had approved a seasonal electrical rate plan, however that there could be rate hike approved that would affect the Harbors electrical rates this summer. Mayor Hunter explained to the commission that he appreciates their work, and ideas on how to reduce harbor rate increases in the future. He recommended that the commission work with staff to look at harbor infrastructure that could be eliminated from the Master Plan to help reduce overall scope of this Enterprise Fund.
- 5) Other (s) - None

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Sitka Harbor moorage rates – Chair Mike Nurco suggested to the board that they discuss only a 5% increase of moorage rate. Josh Arnold made a motion to recommend to the assembly a 5% increase to moorage rates this fall.
M – Arnold/S – Greenhalgh motion to recommend a 5% increase to Sitka Harbor moorage rate. Motion carried 3 voting yes and 1 voting no.

- 2) **Baranof Warm Springs moorage rates** - John Herchenrider, Baranof Warm Springs home owner, spoke again to the commission to recommend that there was a couple individuals willing to collect the fees from the iron ranger and deliver to Harris Air or Allen Marine to be delivered to the Sitka Harbor Department. Mr. Herchenrider does not recommend using AWF and paying them \$6,000 to be the agent, as he felt their schedule with employees could not collect every day.
M – Arnold/ S- Jones motion to approve the Harbor staff recommended rate structure for Baranof Warm Springs. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Consideration of lease of 725 Siginaka Way (former 4j's) – Senior Planner, Michael Scarcelli informed the commission that there was seven bids on the current lease of the property and building at the location. Michael Scarcelli's recommendation to the commission was to award to the winning bidders, with a recommendation to add terms that address vagrant use, require tenant to have their own garbage can and no exclusive parking rights.
M – Arnold/S – Jones moved to approve the lease to the winning bidder with these terms. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Short term boat rental application – Brendan Jones
Action was null and void due to lack of quorum.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

- 1.) The next regular meeting would be held Wednesday, May 10, 2017. No additional agenda items were discussed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

M – Chair Nurco/S – Arnold made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Attest:
Chuck Hackett, Deputy Harbormaster