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Harbor Committee Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2019

Cranberry Isles Town Office

Attendance

Ted Spurling, Chairman, Harbor Committee	Katelyn Damon, Public Safety Coordinator
Bill Dowling, Harbor Committee	Dennis Dever, CEO & LPI (by phone)
Richard Howland, Harbor Committee	Florence Joy Sprague, BOS
Patrick Allen, Harbor Committee	Roger St. Amand
Chris Costello, Harbor Committee (Alt.)	Story Litchfield
James Fortune, Administrative Assistant	John Knott (by phone)
Bruce Fernald, Islesford Harbormaster	

I. Call to Order: 4:15PM by Chairman Ted Spurling

Five Harbor Committee members, including alternates, are present at today's meeting, which represents a quorum.

II. Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2018: Ted Spurling moves to approve the June 14, 2018 minutes as written.

Patrick Allen seconds the motion. **Motion approved 5-0.**

December 13, 2018: Bill Dowling moves to approve the December 13, 2018 minutes as written. Richard Howland seconds the motion. **Motion approved 5-0.**

III. Planning Board Referral: Proposed Docks for 15N, Sutton Island and 79 Sand Beach Rd, Islesford

15 N Sutton Island Dock:

Matt Knox to determine feasibility of relocating moorings and effects on navigation.

Read Nadia Rosenthal's letter into the record.

Story Litchfield explained the project, including the proposed dock in relation to the beach/shore, houses, and moorings.

Bill Dowling; The main issue related to the location of the dock is the "swing" of the moorings (telescoping of the chains when boats are tied up). At least 1 of the existing moorings will be too close.

Check with Matt Knox to see if moorings can be moved.

Question is asked whether an applicant/property owner can force someone to move moorings to accommodate a new dock. It is assumed that the Harbor Master has the right to move moorings as needed, in consultation with pier & mooring owners.

Motion by Richard Howland, Second by Patrick Allen, to approve the location for the proposed dock as long as existing moorings can be moved to accommodate it. Vote is unanimous.

*Application will still need local Planning Board and State (DEP & Army Corps.) approvals.

Little Cranberry Yacht Club (LCYC) Dock:

Discussion and description of the proposed dock. Harbor Committee has no issues with the dock location. Still needs Planning Board and State approvals (DEP & Army Corps)

Motion by Patrick Allen, Second by Richard Howland, to approve the proposed dock. Vote is unanimous.

IV. DEP Comment Period: Proposed Dock at 145 Sand Beach Rd (Maypole Point), Islesford

The dock location was chosen due to that area having the deepest water in relation to the property at Maypole Point

The applicant will need to consult with EMERA Maine regarding the proposed location and the undersea power cable connection LCI to GCI for electrical power. This the only connection for electrical power service to the island. The proposed dock would extend over the existing power cable.

It is noted that Emera and Consolidated Communications (phone co.) have objections to the proposed dock location. There is an easement for the power cable, however, it is noted that it is a “floating” easement and can be relocated.

Harbor Committee notes that there was a dock in that area at one time and asked if there is a record of where it was located. No written record is known to exist.

Problems with the proposal:

1. It will interfere with navigation of fishing and other vessels, especially at low tide and during foggy conditions.
2. The proposed location will disturb eel grass, which will be an issue for lobster fishing.
3. Interfere/conflict with the electrical power cable, particularly for future maintenance and replacement.

Roger St. Amand, representative for the applicant, stated that the Bureau of Submerged Lands and the easement does not specify the location of the power cable. It's a “floating” easement and can be relocated. This is the first example of navigation and fishing being an issue. Question asked about how far north could it (the proposed dock) be moved in order to get it out of the navigation area.

The project still needs DEP and Army Corp approvals. The deadline for DEP comments is 4/25; for Dept. of Agriculture it's 5/3. Motion by Ted Spurling for he and Jim Fortune to draft a letter outlining the 3 main issues raised by the Harbor Committee and forward it to the Selectmen. Second by Bill Dowling. Vote is unanimous

V. Islesford Breakwater

Jim Fortune and Cory Alley will meet with civil engineer Andrew McCullough to get a plan ready for the eventual reconfiguration of the granite blocks.

VI. Other Business

Jim Fortune will email letter and information to Harbor Committee regarding LD 331

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned about 5:30pm