

ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018: 5:00 PM
City Hall, Council Room, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gregg Bruff, Board members Marilyn Kinsey, Alex Sundstrom

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Boardmember Jaimee Tournageau

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master
Brooks Bougie, Recreation Office Assistant
Craig Woerpel, W.D.B.C. Radio
Peggy O'Connell Schumann, Council Liaison

PUBLIC PRESENT: N/A

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO: Meeting minutes of October 10, 2017; motion to approve as written by Marilyn Kinsey, seconded by Alex Sundstrom, motion carried unanimous.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

N/A

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Review of Marina Operations.** Harbor Master Gravatt started off welcoming Peggy O'Connell Schumann as the Harbor Board City Council Liaison. Gravatt reviewed the day to day and yearly operations of the marina. He stated that last year he had only five dock attendants and he found that wasn't enough so he will be increasing the attendant number to seven for this upcoming season. The season will open this year in May and will be open from 7am-9pm throughout the week. He also stated that starting in June he brings on a night watchman to oversee the docks at night after the marina closes for the day. Gravatt then touched on the rate schedule for the upcoming year; he stated the rates have not changed from last year and our marina is category 7 on the rate schedule

and category C for the transient fees. Gravatt will be looking into changes to the rates but it won't happen until next year if it does at all.

Gravatt Stated that the marina is self-funded and generates all income from boat slip rates, the sale of fuel, selling ice and doing pump outs; he then touched on the weed treatment and explained it will be an ongoing thing to ensure the weeds do not return. Gravatt continued to review various operations of the marina, such as touching on trying to sell the weed harvester, maintaining the yellow bike program during the summer, eventual gas tank replacement due to insurance and that the marina is responsible for the day to day operations and maintenance of all boat launches (North Shore and Aronson Island).

2. **Discuss Waterways Application.** Harbor Master Gravatt touched on the Waterways application that was submitted on December 2nd of 2017. He stated that he has to check on the progress of the application, which is being directed towards the replacement of dock number 2.
3. **Review Preliminary bid by Floatation Docks.** Harbor Master Gravatt discussed the bid from Floatation Docks and stated that he is concerned about the "L" Dock; the plan states that a new dock can be attached to the "L" Dock if it were ever to fall apart. Gravatt stated that he is currently pursuing 30' and 35' docks on the new docks. Floatation Docks gave three different options for docks. Gravatt stated the need for engineering, electrical and water bids to start the process. He estimated that the total project would cost around \$309,000. In closing Gravatt stated that if the project exceeds the \$300,000 (matching funds from Waterways and Grant from the city), he will need to take money out of the marina fund.
4. **General Discussion.** Chairperson Bruff asked if there would be any special boats coming into the Harbor this year. Harbor Master Gravatt stated that he was unsure but will check into it. Gravatt also touched on the possibility of having small boat races within the harbor.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Marilyn Kinsey motioned for adjournment, seconded by Alex Sundstrom. The motion carried unanimously at 5:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master

Gregg Bruff, Chairperson

Date