



DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD HARBOR FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

November 4th, 2015, 12:00 PM
City Hall Conference Room 224

- I. **Call to Order** (12:00 pm in City Hall Room 224)
- II. **Roll Call** (Tom Donek, David Lowell, Robert Mosher, Bob Janes, and Budd Simpson)
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of October 22nd, 2015 Harbor Fee Review Committee Minutes**
- V. **Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items** (not to exceed five minutes per person, or twenty minutes total time)
- VI. **Unfinished Business** – None
- VII. **New Business**
 1. Special Annual Moorage fee for skiffs ([05 CBJAC 20.020](#))
 - i. 7/2007; 4/2005
 - ii. An owner with an open-hulled vessel 21 feet or less in length, excluding engines, may apply to the harbormaster for moorage in the limited access areas of the small boat harbors.
 - iii. \$580.00 from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014; and a fee equal to the previous year's fee adjusted by the Anchorage Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Committee Questions

Public Discussion

Committee Discussion/Action

MOTION: TO BE DEVELOPED AT THE MEETING

- VIII. **Future Business**
 1. Assigned Moorage Credit ([05 CBJAC 20.025](#))
 2. Daily Moorage Fees ([05 CBJAC 20.030](#))
- IX. **Next Harbor Fee Review Meeting** – Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015
- X. **Adjournment**

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- I. Call To Order – Budd Simpson called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. in CBJ room 224.
- II. Roll Call – The following members were present: Tom Donek, Bob Janes, and Budd Simpson.

Absent – David Lowell and Robert Mosher

Also present were the following: Carl Uchtyl – Port Director, Dave Borg – Harbormaster.

- III. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION By MR.JANES: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND ASK FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion Passed With No Objection

- IV. Approval of June 17th, 2015 Harbor Fee Review Committee minutes. Hearing no objection, the June 17th, 2015 Harbor Fee Review minutes were approved as presented.
- V. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None
- VI. Unfinished Business - None
- VII. New Business - None
- VIII. Items for Discussion & Coordination –

Mr. Uchtyl said the list on page 13 of your packet shows the list of fees that still need review. This review is not just to raise fees but to look at them to make sure they are fair and reasonable. The fees with a line through them have already been addressed and the ones without a line will still need to be reviewed. The next fees to review are the Small Boat Harbor fees.

Mr. Simpson said the area in these fees that could be controversial is the difference in the downtown moorage fees and the Statter Harbor moorage fees. He said he is not prepared to change from that difference in fee structure. Someone in Statter that objects to the higher fees could go downtown and pay the lower fee. That space could be filled by someone who would be happy to pay the higher fee for the ability to moor in Auke Bay.

Mr. Borg said there is a long waiting list.

Mr. Uchtyl suggested to have staff make a recommendation and let the Committee work from that.

Mr. Simpson would like staff to show each item under discussion, the next being special annual moorage fee for skiffs, current rate and proposed rate along with any policy changes needed for this item. He would also like to see revenue figures for each item. If the revenue figures are not very good, the

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Committee may want to decrease the fees to attract more skiff owners with a possibility to make more money.

Mr. Donek said staff should also provide the expenses.

Mr. Borg said figuring the costs will be very difficult. He is hoping Lucity will help track the time better when that comes on line.

Mr. Janes asked if there is extra space in the skiff areas to fill?

Mr. Borg said there is an area in Douglas, Statter, and a small area in Aurora. There really is no area in Harris.

Mr. Janes liked Mr. Simpson's idea to maybe lower the skiff fee.

Mr. Donek said the Board tried doing a promotional moorage rate before that didn't work. Only a couple people took advantage of the lower rate.

Mr. Borg said a lot of people don't like the 24' stalls in Aurora because of the amount of crime. With getting rid of the derelict boats, it's also getting rid of the bad activity. Mr. Borg said he hears on a regular basis to offer a discount for a six month moorage prepayment and have Statter Harbor moorage rates the same as downtown.

Mr. Simpson said there has also been discussion on hot berthing credit. Maybe if the person whose slip was hot berthed received some money back, they would not be so upset about the rates.

Mr. Borg said tracking hot berthing credit would be very difficult administratively. There could potentially be another problem with a first come first fill type of situation. Someone could say they left before so and so and why wasn't their slip filled first. He does not want the drama.

Mr. Donek said it used to be a person would get 50% of their moorage back if their slip was hot berthed, but that went away years ago. He thought the rational to keep the hot berthed money was that the rates would not need to go up for the slip holder and the slip holder would still benefit from his slip being hot berthed.

Mr. Simpson said part of the discussion previously was to give an incentive to let the staff know when they were going to be leaving and returning to their slip.

Mr. Uchtyl said they are required to let staff know when they are going to be leaving.

Mr. Simpson said he is good with addressing the fees in the order in the packet.

Discussion followed on liveaboard's, and non-running vessels.

Mr. Simpson suggested that the Board could help by making certain rules to help clean up the Harbor. He said the idea for providing an area for the non-moving vessels was for houseboat type vessels that was able to moor in an

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area where no one else could be. This was to utilize space otherwise not used and eliminate that need for a houseboat to go out of the Harbor periodically on its own power.

Mr. Borg said boats are also being rented out for liveboards.

Mr. Simpson said liveboard option should only be for the owner of the vessel. He suggested to bring this back to this Committee when the liveboard section is discussed.

More discussion followed about the number of liveboards and the sanitation issues on the liveboard boats.

Mr. Uchytel said in Title 85 it says Docks & Harbors is for infrastructure and transportation first.

IX. Next Harbor Fee Review Meetings - November 4th and December 2nd at Noon.

X. Adjournment -

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm

Harbor Fee Review

Special Annual Moorage Fee for Skiffs

REGULATION: 05 CBJAC 20.020

An owner with an open-hulled vessel 21 feet or less in length, excluding engines, may apply to the Harbormaster for moorage in the limited access areas of the small boat harbors. The Harbormaster will assign moorage in these areas on a first-come, first-serve basis. If assigned moorage by the Harbormaster, all requirements pertaining to annual moorage apply, except the annual moorage fee that the owner shall pay, which shall be as follows:

- (1) \$580.00 from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014; and
- (2) Each moorage year after June 30, 2014, a fee equal to the previous year's fee adjusted by the Anchorage Consumer Price Index (CPI) as reported by the Alaska Department of Labor for the calendar year preceding the start of the moorage year, rounded to the nearest \$5.00, unless the docks and harbors board takes action to keep the fee the same as the previous year.

(Amended 4-11-2005, eff. 4-19-2005; Amended 10-24-2005, eff. 11-1-2005; Amended 12-11-2006, eff. 7-1-2007; Amended 7-15-2013, eff. 7-23-2013)

CURRENT RATES:

DOUGLAS, HARRIS AND AURORA HARBORS		
	<i>Effective thru June 30, 2015</i>	<i>Effective July 1, 2015</i>
Skiff	\$590 per year	\$ 600 per year
Daily	54¢ per foot	55¢ per foot
Monthly	\$4.20 per foot	\$4.25 per foot
Annual (July 1 – June 30)	5% discount on 12-month advanced payment	5% discount on 12-month advanced payment

STATTER HARBOR		
	<i>Effective thru June 30, 2015</i>	<i>Effective July 1, 2015</i>
Skiff	\$590 per year	\$600 per year
Daily Moorage	54¢ per foot	55¢ per foot
Monthly	\$7.05 per foot	\$7.15 per foot
Annual (July 1 – June 30)	5% discount on 12-month advanced payment	5% discount on 12-month advanced payment

ANNUAL REVENUE:

During FY15, there were two customers downtown and no customers at Statter Harbor who chose to pay the special annual moorage rate for skiffs, resulting in an annual revenue of \$1,200.00.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Delete the regulations for an annual skiff fee. It is not widely used and the monthly rate typically is more advantageous.