

I. Call to Order.

Mr. Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll

The following members were present: Mr. Etheridge, Ms. Jebe, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Simpson.

The following members were absent: Mr. Dore, Mr. Fisk, Mr. Kueffner, and Mr. White.

Also in attendance were Mr. Stone - Port Director, Mr. McCall – Harbormaster, and Mr. Dybdahl – Assembly Liaison.

III. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Stone added Items for Action #2 Boat Wakes in Douglas Harbor. A harbor patron wants to talk to the Board but cannot get to the meeting until 7:30 p.m. so he requested to have public comment at the end of the meeting. Gold Creek Marina Study was dropped from Items for Information/Discussion and Mr. Simpson added the Letter from the City of Gustavus.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA. The motion passed without objection.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

There was no public participation.

V. Approval of Previous meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 27, 2006 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. The motion passed without objection.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Active Fishing Vessel Discount Regulations.

Mr. Preston said the Finance Committee held a public hearing at their last meeting. Due to an administrative error, the 20-day time limit was left out of the regulation.

MOTION by Mr. Knapp: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADOPT THE REGULATIONS FOR ACTIVE FISHING VESSELS DISCOUNTS AT STATTER HARBOR AND TO FORWARD THE REGULATIONS TO THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR REVIEW AND PRESENTATION TO THE ASSEMBLY. The motion passed without objection.

VI. Items for Action (continued).

2. Boat Wakes in Douglas Harbor.

Mr. Stone recommended the Board request the Assembly adopt changes to Title 85 making it unlawful for a boater transiting across the entrance of Douglas Harbor to throw a wake greater than 6" into the Harbor. Staff is also installing a "No Wake" sign on the Gastineau Channel side of the Douglas Dock.

The Board also discussed putting a "No Wake" sign on the south end of Mayflower Island and expanding the no wake zone from the south end of Mayflower Island to the Mendenhall Bar Channel buoy.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO FORWARD THE ORDINANCE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR MODIFICATION AND THEN TO THE ASSEMBLY FOR REVIEW. The motion passed without objection.

The Board discussed expanding the no wake zone outside of the breakwater at Statter Harbor. This item was referred to the Operations Committee.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Inactive Vessel Management Regulation Review.

Mr. Etheridge said this was before the Operations Committee and they had recommended referring it to the Board.

Mr. Chip Thoma said he discussed this briefly with Mr. Stone yesterday. The houseboats are a different situation than the derelict vessels. He wanted to see some grandfathering consideration for the three vessels that are not in compliance since they were here before the regulation was put in effect. He agreed with the suggestion from Mr. Terrall to strike out the last phrase regarding change of ownership so that they can sell their houseboats.

Mr. Stone read the ordinance regarding the intended use of the harbor. The Board discussed the use of the inactive zones and the waitlist for them. You still have to be a functional vessel and are not exempt from any of the other rules in the harbor except being required to move three times a year.

Mr. Simpson said the new section on the main float in Douglas should not be part of the inactive zone since it is not a constrained area. The inactive area should be between the two gangways.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion (continued).

MOTION by Ms. Jebe: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO HAVE THE PORT DIRECTOR DRAFT A REGULATION THAT CHANGES G (2) TO DELETE THE WORDS “AND THE OWNERSHIP OF THE HOUSEBOAT HAS NOT CHANGED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS REGULATION”.

Mr. Stone said we need to clarify the information regarding the waitlist for the inactive zones. Mr. Simpson said it will be sent back to the Operations Committee.

The motion passed without objection.

2. Transient Shorepower Availability.

Mr. Etheridge said the Operations Committee discussed this at their last meeting. Staff is working with AEL&P to adjust tenant electrical accounts based on in/out meter readings supplied by staff. An incentive to get stall patrons to participate was discussed.

The Board discussed the issue and asked the Port Director to bring something back to the Finance Committee.

3. City of Gustavus Letter.

Mr. Simpson said they are asking the Board to delay the implementation of more fees, higher rates and restrictions upon landing crafts bringing freight to their community. We will respond to them with a cordial letter saying we are sensitive to their issues and that we have no plans to raise rates and are supportive of their new dock structure and if there is anything we can do to help, let us know.

VIII. Committee & Board Member Reports.

1. Finance Committee – May 18, 2006.

Mr. Preston said they discussed harbor fees simplification. The main idea was to go to daily and monthly moorage only. They also looked at the financial reports for this year.

2. Operations Committee – May 16, 2006.

Mr. Etheridge said they are looking at vessel insurance regulations. They discussed Goldbelt's request for a boundary adjustment. They discussed a tree removal policy.

VIII. Committee & Board Member Reports (continued).

3. CIP/Planning Committee – May 23, 2006.

Mr. Etheridge said they talked about the Gold Creek Marina Study and held it over for their next meeting. The Legislature passed the 50/50 match on harbor funding. They looked at moving forward with the RFP for old Douglas Harbor, but the project has slowed down due to funding. They looked at the Auke Bay Commercial Loading Facility drawings regarding the eelgrass survey. The Juneau Marine Terminal drawings were sent to the University. They discussed revenue bonds and the Custom's office. The Marine Park Lightering gangway is on track.

IX. Port Engineer's Report.

There was none.

X. Harbormaster's Report.

Mr. McCall said there have been violations of the rules and regulations regarding the commercial use of buses at Auke Bay. Next week he will go out there to monitor the situation. Tuesday morning is the annual security inspection of the port. The transient zones changed to 14 days on May 15th so the float houses at Norway Point will have to leave.

XI. Port Director's Report.

Mr. Stone said he is leaving tomorrow afternoon and will be gone until June 12th. The new computer system will be installed July 1st. Mr. Krieber is leaving the beginning of July. The Chair will need to appoint Board Members to interview applicants for the Port Engineer position. He talked to someone from DOT regarding the 50/50 match for projects.

Mr. McCall said he received 15-20 letters from first graders thanking him for allowing the S/V Majeck to stay at Auke Bay to take the kids out for a sail.

Mr. Etheridge said he got a call about some floats at the Rock Dump. Mr. Stone said Trucano hauled them out of Harris. Trucano took his and the ones left belong to Howard Lockwood.

XII. Committee Administrative Matters.

1. Meeting Calendar for June 2006.

Mr. Etheridge said the CIP Committee Meeting for June 27th needs to be moved from Assembly Chambers.

IV. Public Participation on Non-agenda Items (continued).

Ms. Ann Lee said she was pleading with the Board to allow her to save her boat. It sank a month ago and she arranged with divers to raise the boat, but CBJ took over. She could not get on the boat for salvage. She arranged with Juneau Marine Services to haul it out. Now no one wants to help her since CBJ got involved. She is at a loss as to what to do. Protocol has not been followed to allow her to salvage her boat. The engine was running before it sank.

Mr. Simpson asked her what action she was asking for. Ms. Lee said more time to salvage the boat and to get something out of it. She does not want to lose the boat. Her father has offered to help with the diving fees.

Mr. Stone said the vessel is to be impounded on Saturday, May 27th. We can delay it and give her a chance to work on the vessel. The vessel is on University property and she cannot work on it there. Juneau Marine Services is disinclined to have it in their yard.

Ms. Lee said she talked to Dean at Juneau Marine Services and he does not want to take on the responsibility. She has made a lot of phone calls.

Mr. Simpson said we can give her more time, but she has to take affirmative steps. The City does not want to incur the liability. She needs to work out something with Juneau Marine Services. Staff will allow her one extra week.

XIII. Adjournment.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.