

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

For Tuesday February 13, 2007

I. Call to Order.

Mr. Etheridge called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll.

The following members were present: Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Williams, Ms. Jebe, Mr. Simpson and Mr. White.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Stone – Port Director, Mr. McCall – Harbormaster and Ms. Linden – Port Engineer.

III. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION by Mr. Simpson: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. 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. Simpson: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2007 MEETING. The motion passed without objection.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Proposed Speed Limits within the Small Boat Harbors and portions of Gastineau Channel and Auke Bay.

Mr. Stone said that we are holding three public hearing meetings about the proposed regulations. One was scheduled for the February 13, 2007 operations committee meeting; the second is on March 13, 2007 at the operations committee meeting and the final will be on March 29, 2007 at the regular board meeting at which final action is scheduled to be taken.

The proposed regulations are as follows:

1. A three-knot limit in any small boat harbor-, which includes Douglas, Harris, Aurora, and Statter Harbor.
2. A five-knot limit in all portions of the Gastineau Channel starting at the Mayflower Island marker proceeding north to the Mendenhall bar channel marker.
3. Five knots in Auke Bay starting 1000 feet seaward of the breakwater to the breakwater

and once inside the breakwater a three-knot limit.

These proposals do not apply to seaplanes, vessels under sail, or vessels engaged in emergency activities.

Mr. Stone included the authority that the board has to adopt the limit done by the assembly in September serial number 2006.25 ordinance which also contains the boat harbor fine schedule and that the regulation is enforceable as an infraction.

There are several public comments via-email varying from eliminating the speed limit, to keeping the proposed limits, to slight modifications.

Michael Frawley of Juneau attended the meeting to ask the board how they can attribute the damage to the boat wakes instead of the Taku winds. Mr. McCall answered stating that there was damage to the docks and boats before winter hit. Mr. Frawley also expressed concern that the damage was not solely caused by winter traffic but mostly due to high summer traffic. Mr. Etheridge agreed with Mr. Frawley that there is not a high amount of winter traffic but damage to property and to the docks is still an issue.

Rick Parnell of Douglas attended the meeting to ask the board how the speed/wake limit regulations will be enforced. John Stone said that there will be signage up around the boundaries notifying the public of the speed limits, and during the summer months, they will be doing spot checks and the Coast Guard will stop and issue a warning if they see you.

2. Auke Bay Harbor Vehicle Replacement.

Mr. Stone has asked the board's permission to acquire a new vehicle to replace the 1993 Ford F350 diesel that has reached the end of its useful life.

MOTION by Mr. Simpson: ASKS UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW VEHICLE. The motion passed without objection.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Douglas Cold Storage Dock Area.

Mr. McCall said that the storage dock has been condemned and that he was advised to post signage of gear removal from the premises. The demolition of the dock will be required for the construction of a rubble mound breakwater. Mr. Scott McAlister of the fishing vessel Owyhee has requested that a reasonable time period be established to remove the gear by October 1, 2007, and that the Committee invite users to a meeting to discuss storage needs and a plan to accommodate those needs.

2. Hazardous Materials Loading at North Douglas Launch Ramp.

Mr. McCall said that the Coast Guard has issued a waiver for loading diesel at Statter Harbor and a waiver for loading propane at the North Douglas Launch Ramp under the condition that the areas are blocked off to the public during the physical act of loading the vessel and a 24-hour notice has been given. Harbors will supply a staff member to secure and monitor the area and will require a two-hour minimum charge to the landing craft operator.

3. Fright Use Violations.

Mr. McCall said that in October 2006 one of the commercial operators was loading steel track equipment on the launch ramps and on the asphalt. Mr. McCall sent the patron a letter stating that protection of the ramp and asphalt is required. Mr. McCall also suggested that he report the usage of the North Douglas and Echo Cove ramps with one of the harbor offices. On January 29 the harbor patron drove an excavator down the ramp without protecting it. The patron also contacted the Auke Bay Harbor office to schedule launch ramp usage at which time he was advised that he needed to be on and off the ramp before 2:00 pm when the tide would be below 4.0 ft. The operator went on the ramp at 3:00 pm and stayed until 3:36 pm when the tide was at 1.0 ft. Mr. McCall has asked the board to recommend a penalty for the freight use violations.

The board and Mr. McCall discussed their options and the board suggested that Mr. McCall come to the full board with a specific recommendation for a period of immediate suspension from the facility.

VIII. Staff & Member Reports.

Mr. McCall said that a notice of violation was received from the Coast Guard for the vessel Chinook that sank because they felt we were in operational control. Mr. McCall rejected the letter explaining the procedure for derelict vessels.

On February 2, there was a boat fire, extinguished by the fire expiration system. On January 29, vandals discharged and threw four fire extinguishers into Harris Harbor. Damage from the vandalism was approximately \$600.

Mr. McCall also said that he is going to apply for a grant for a high-speed enforcement vessel, reimbursement for TWIT, security cameras and gates for cruise ship dock improvements.

Mr. Etheridge said that he and Ms. Linden met with Senator Elton and his staff about getting \$210,000 to put the work float in and to deck over the poly-float.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

There was none.

X. Adjournment.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.