

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
For Tuesday, October 13, 2009

I. Call to Order

Chair Ms. Jebe called the Operations Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Aurora Harbor Office.

II. Roll Call

The following Committee Members were present: Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Preston, Ms. Jebe, Mr. Williams and Mr. Jardell.

Absent: Mr. Wostman.

Also in attendance were the following: Mr. Stone – Port Director and Mr. Benner – Harbormaster.

III. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: 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. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

The motion passed without objection.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Derelict and Abandoned Vessel Management.

Mr. Benner said some of these derelict vessels have been abandoned and are in terrible condition. Some do not run and are a possible fire hazard. A lot of these boats have been in the same spot in the harbors for years and have not moved. The Grizzly Bear in Douglas is a good example, if this boat were to either sink or catch on fire; it would become a problem for the harbor department and the fire department because it has so much debris aboard it. We have issued written warnings and nothing has been done. According to Title 85 code 85.25.120 we can take action to have these boats removed from the harbors. The owners have had plenty of warnings. The next step needs to be removal of these boats.

Mr. Benner said the owners are current with their monthly moorage. The cost to dispose of these boats is much greater than paying the monthly moorage. This is why the owners haven't disposed of these boats.

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VI. Items for Action.

1. Derelict and Abandoned Vessel Management. (Continued)

Mrs. Jebe asked what happens to the boats if we can't sell them at auction. Mr. Benner said we have a contract with Tracanos Construction to dispose of the boats. Mr. Preston asked if the vessels have insurance on them. Mr. Stone said we charge an insurance surcharge which covers us when the patrons do not have insurance for their boats. The insurance is .25 cents per foot per month.

Mr. Etheridge said Mark Hillstead, the owner of the Grizzly Bear, owns a big grey van he uses for storage and Mark just moves it from one spot to another spot. Mr. Benner said we have a few vehicles that people don't have parking permits for or registrations are expired or the vehicles have just been abandoned. We are working on having signs posted in regard to abandoned vehicles. Mr. Etheridge said the regulation says the owners have 30 days to move these vehicles or action will be taken to impound them. Mr. Benner said once we have the signs posted then we can impound them.

The committee members agreed to have Mr. Benner continue with the process of disposing of the derelict and abandoned vessels.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Harbor Operations Update

Mr. Benner said he has pictures of the repairs we have made to the heat tape. We have been replacing 8 -12 bull rails per day at Auke Bay. We have cleaned up an area at Norway Point for us use as a storage area. We have been replacing all the light bulbs and pedestal lights on the dock at Harris Harbor.

Mr. Benner spoke with Tim Allen our insurance representative about the Horton Parking Lot. He said that no one else could plow the parking lot for the owner. He would have to pay us to plow it. The owner said he is not interested in keeping the parking lot open in the winter. He has other parking for the patrons behind the building at Squires Rest. We have posted signs saying that the lot will be closed November 1, 2009.

Mr. Benner said we have also notified people about permanent water hook up this winter. We have not had any complaints about the water situation.

Mr. Etheridge wanted to commend the harbor staff for doing a fantastic job. Mr. Benner said the staff has done a great job.

There was further discussion among board members.

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VIII. Staff & Member Reports.

Mr. Stone said on October 16, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. there is a joint meeting schedule about the Cruise Ship Docks. Mr. Benner said Docks & Harbor on December 11, 2009 will be having a Christmas party at the Yacht Club. Social Hour is at 5:00 p.m., Dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

The next Operation Committee Meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on November 17, 2009. Meeting will be held at the Aurora Harbor Office.

X. Adjournment.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK TO ADJOURN THE OPERATION MEETING AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

