

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

For Tuesday, November 13, 2012

I. Call to Order.

Mr. Busch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Aurora Harbor office.

II. Roll.

The following members were present: Greg Busch, Scott Spickler, Tom Donek, John Bush and David Logan.

The following member was absent: Kevin Jardell, Budd Simpson

Also in attendance were: Dwight Tajon – Harbormaster, Carl Uchytel – Port Director

III. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION by Mr. Donek: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion passed without objection.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

None

V. Approval of October 16th, 2012 Operations committee Meeting Minutes.

Hearing no objection, the minutes from the October 16th, 2012 Operations Committee Meeting were approved as presented.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Launch Ramp Permit & Online Sales

Presentation by the Harbormaster

Mr. Tajon – In reviewing both Town and Statter offices 2012 launch ramp reports, there were 149 individuals that claimed up to only two boat trailers. The number of individuals that claimed more than two trailers was 34; some of these people had around six to eight trailers after paying the annual fee for just one permit. Also I would like to throw out there that there is an ordinance that is on the books that does say “each customer shall pay for each launch ramp permit”. It doesn’t say anything about buy one get one free. This would be a procedural change if changed.

Committee Questions

Mr. Bush – That could be taken quite literally, “each customer”. So if I am a customer and I have a skiff then tomorrow I want to use my kayak I am still the same customer. I have already paid; it says each customer shall pay, I paid, and I am a customer. Today I use my boat tomorrow I will use my kayak. It will increase several peoples’ cost.

Public Comment

Paul Swanson – Juneau, AK – I feel like if you have two trailers you pay for two permits. I got two cars I buy a license for both cars. I don’t understand how they can get a break when they have two different trailers. Supposedly they are using only one at a time.

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Dennis Watson – Juneau, AK – I do take exception with buy one get one free or any reduction. A launch fee permit is a launch fee permit and if you go down town to the City parking lot it doesn't matter if you have three cars. If you have three cars in there you will pay for three cars. I think it is a travesty. If I go to the dentist, I have three kids; I have to pay for all three kids. I don't get a deal.

Committee Discussion/Action

Mr. Donek – I would have to agree with Mr. Watson and Mr. Swanson. I don't really care for this buy one get half off. If DH is going to end this thing then it needs to end. I have two cars and I can't drive them at the same time but I have to buy tags for both of them. If you have a trailer and want to launch it then you buy a permit. That simple!

Mr. Logan – I think I take a slightly different approach for recreational users having the second one at a reduced price but after that, pay full price.

Mr. Donek – I don't want to separate out the commercial operator because that could have a backlash and make it look like DH is anti-business. I could agree with buy one get one at half price and that is it. If you want three permits you buy the third one at full price.

Mr. Spickler – I don't know how the permits are differentiated as far as someone coming in with a trailer. You don't know what their trailer is for a boat or jet skis. I think I would go along with Mr. Swanson and Mr. Watson's recommendation. If you have two or four boats you buy one for each. Simplify life in the office.

Mr. Logan – My understanding that commercial and recreational are already separated. My theory is if someone is using it recreationally you are limited to one boat at a time. Commercial could be launching simultaneously, they are a power user. I don't see it as a car tag but, more of a user fee. Use it more, pay more.

Mr. Tajon – The Commercial and recreational user are differentiated. Most of the Commercial users go out to Auke Bay and Johanna knows them by face and they have big trucks with their name on it. They spend about \$300.00 on their one permit. It would be easier if DH does what Mr. Donek said cut it off now and be done with the multiple stuff. Then it would make online sales easier.

Mr. Busch – My preferences is to do the one for one.

MOTION by Mr. Spickler – I make a motion of one permit for one trailer and forward this to the full board.

Mr. Uchytel – I would prefer that this issue be advertised in some formal hearing at a regular board meeting so anyone that wanted could come make a pitch.

Mr. Donek – **ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

Mr. Busch – One opposed. The motion for the one for one permit will be brought to the full board at the next meeting.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

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1. Harbormaster Operations Report
Presentation by the Harbormaster

Mr. Tajon provided his Harbormaster's monthly report to committee members.

VIII. Staff & Member Reports.

Mr. Uchytel – Pacific Pile & Marine (PP&M) work out at Statter. The floats for the project should arrive from Bellingham in early December. PP&M were proposing to just down power for a week but that has now changed. There is a lot of liability to shut down not having notification with freezing weather, lighting and live-aboards. DH is working with PP&M to make sure that doesn't happen.

Last month DH recognized Johanna Young as employee of the year and she was on KINY action line with Ben Sherman and I today.

The ceremony for the USS Juneau was very nice. Mr. Tajon's staff did a very good job getting the tents, podium and power. Mr. Wanamaker was really into it and it was a great ceremony.

DH is going to try and be more active with social media. First will be a YouTube account to post videos. Right now there is a camera out at Statter that is taking photos and then they will be downloaded and posted periodically.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

1. The next Operations Committee meeting – December 11th, 2012.

X. Adjournment.

MOTION by Mr. Busch: TO ADJOURN THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The Operations Committee Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.