

CBJ Docks and Harbors Board
Harbor Fee Review Committee Meeting Minutes
For Wednesday February 10th, 2016
(No Recording)

- 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, David Lowell, Bob Janes, and Budd Simpson.

Absent – Robert Mosher

Also present were the following: Dave Borg – Harbormaster, and Dolly Raster- Administrative Assistant III.
- III. Approval of Agenda.

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

Motion Passed With No Objection
- IV. Approval of January 27th, 2016 Harbor Fee Review Committee minutes. Hearing no objection, the January 27th, 2016 Harbor Fee Review minutes were approved as presented.
- V. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None
- VI. Unfinished Business -
 1. Daily Moorage fee (05 CBJAC 20.030)
Downtown Monthly Moorage Fees (05 CBJAC 20.040)
Auke Bay Monthly Moorage Fees (05 CBJAC 20.041)
Monthly Pre-Paid Discounts (05 CBJAC 20.042)

Mr. Simpson said the moorage fees were discussed at the last meeting for downtown and Statter and had some ideas, but the Committee wanted to discuss further –
 - Not implementing CPI increase this year.
 - Differentiating daily rate from Statter Harbor & Downtown – suggested to decrease downtown daily rate to \$.45 per foot.

Committee Questions

Mr. Donek said he didn't want to reduce the rates.

Mr. Janes said he wanted to keep the CPI as is to keep consistency. He said he agrees to a 10% or 15% discount for prepayment of annual moorage fees. This year, Juneau hasn't felt the economy get worse, but as jobs leave Juneau he would like to have ammunition in the coming years to be able to reduce rates when asked.

Mr. Borg said he doesn't want to lower rates and then in a couple of years have to do catch up.

Mr. Janes suggested to raise Statter Harbor rates the same as downtown CPI increase amount.

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Mr. Simpson said Statter is increasing more because of the rounding. With the CPI increase this year, Statter fee would be raised slightly.

Mr. Donek said the CPI increase is automatic unless the Board elects not to raise the fees. Statter rate is compounding. Mr. Donek read his recommendation for a motion –

- The Board exercise its option to NOT allow moorage fees to be adjusted by the CPI for the period of July 2016 thru June 2017.
- For subsequent CPI adjustments; Adjust Aurora, Harris and Douglas fees by the applicable CPI percentage and adjust Statter fees by the dollar amount applied to the downtown harbors.
- Allow a 10% discount on 12 month advance payments.

Mr. Janes suggested to not terminate the CPI this year, but have Mr. Donek's recommended CPI rule start this year. The downtown rate is not changing this year so the Statter Harbor rate would not change this year.

Mr. Simpson said not adjusting the rates by CPI this year is not making it permanent. The Board can elect to waive the CPI adjustment this year and the policy will still stay the same.

Mr. Donek said the moorage fees are the only fees that have been adjusted annually by CPI. Some of the other fees that have not been raised for years should be the fees to address.

Mr. Simpson said he likes the idea of a 10% discount for annual prepayment and this would apply to the live-aboards also.

Mr. Lowell said he has a concern with not applying the CPI increase this year. He suggested to implement Mr. Donek's recommended CPI rule to raise Statter Harbor the same as downtown because it would get to the same rate, and the Board would not be choosing to not do the CPI increase this year.

Mr. Donek said the CPI adjustment will happen automatically unless the Board has an action item to forgo the CPI increase.

Mr. Borg recommended to add a 5% discount for customers who pay six months advance payment.

Mr. Donek said he left out the six month advance payment because he thought that would be too big of a hassle for office staff.

Ms. Raster said it would not add more work. This would be six months that the office staff will not have to call and remind customers to pay before they go to dailies.

Mr. Simpson said he would support the 5% discount.

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Public Discussion

Paul Swanson, Juneau, AK

He said he likes the idea to adjust Statter Harbor rates the same CPI increase as downtown. He said if there are no public restrooms downtown, raise the downtown rates to pay for one. A Harbor should have a public restroom. He understands the problems with the homeless, but a key card system like Statter Harbor would work.

Mr. Simpson said the downtown restroom failed. The Statter Harbor restroom works because it is located in the same building as the office.

Mr. Janes asked Mr. Swanson if he takes advantage of the 12 month discount or would take advantage of a six month discount if that was offered.

Mr. Swanson said he doesn't now, he just pays monthly.

Committee Discussion/Action

MOTION By MR JANES: RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THROUGH THE OPS/PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES THAT THE BOARD EXERCISE ITS OPTION TO NOT ALLOW MOORAGE FEES TO BE ADJUSTED BY THE CPI FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 2016 THROUGH JUNE 2017. FOR SUBSEQUENT CPI ADJUSTMENTS; ADJUST AURORA, HARRIS AND DOUGLAS FEES BY THE APPLICABLE CPI PERCENTAGE AND ADJUST STATTER FEES BY THE DOLLAR AMOUNT APPLIED TO THE DOWNTOWN HARBORS. ALLOW A 10% DISCOUNT ON 12 MONTH ADVANCE PAYMENTS AND 5% DISCOUNT ON 6 MONTH ADVANCE PAYMENTS. LEAVE THE IVF/RESERVATIONS RATES AS IS AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion passed with no objection.

- VII. New Business - None
- VIII. Future Business – There was no discussion on these items.
 - 1. Active Fishing Vessel Discount at Statter Harbor (05 CBJAC 20.044)
 - 2. Fee For Tenders (05 CBJAC 20.045)
- IX. Next Harbor Fee Review Meetings – March 9th at Noon.
- X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm