Saco Coastal Waters Commission  
Minutes of the January 3, 2007 Meeting

I. Call Meeting to Order – At 7:05 p.m. a Saco Coastal Waters Commission meeting was held at City Hall.

II. Roll Call of Members – The members present constituted a quorum. The members present: Chairman Joseph Stephenson, Vice Chairman Robert Morowski Jr. (8:00 p.m.), Wayne Hutchins (7:25 p.m.), Peter Scontras, Todd Stewart, and Mike Gray. Also present: Harbormaster Don Abbott, Asst. Harbormaster Daniel Chadbourne, Deputy Director of Public Works Mark Lorello, and Dale Shannon, Supervisor at Public Works. Treasurer Robert Barris (Notified) was absent this evening.

III. Approval of Minutes – December 6, 2006

On page 2, 1st paragraph. Add the following “If the City goes with the one boring, it would reflect in the fees paid to S.W. Cole, since the original quote was for 4 borings.” to the end of the paragraph.

Todd Stewart moved, Mike Gray seconded approval of the December 6, 2006 minutes with the correction to page 2, 1st paragraph. The motion passed with four (4) yeas.

IV. General

A. 5000 Account Review

Treasurer Robert Barris was absent this evening. The 5000 account report will be given next month.

V. Old Business

A. Hoists & Pylons – Update

Mark Lorello, Dep. Dir. of Public Works let the Commission know that Paul Pottle from the State was O.K. with the one boring that was done. Mr. Pottle did though want to review the report from the Geo-Tech Engineer to see what the engineers were seeing in the soils at the 30’ level. Mark also let the Commission know that where only one boring was done, S.W. Cole would pro-rate their original quote that was for 4 borings. The Bids and plans will be going out next week. January 23rd will be the day the bids are opened.

B. Security Issues at the pier – Closed Circuit TV System – Update

The cameras were installed about 1 ½ weeks ago. Mark Lorello will be meeting with Time Warner Cable to set up the IP addresses. There was been more vandalism at the Pier. The porta-potty and chain were stolen. Blow Brothers has sent a bill to Public Works for $500 to replace it. Mark is going to check to see if Insurance will cover the replacement, and he is going to check the Blow Brothers contract to see if it stipulates anything about vandalism and insurance coverage. Mark will also be checking to see if it would be more cost effective to just buy a porta-potty, and pay to have it cleaned, rather than to pay a rental fee and cleaning fee.

C. Abandoned Fishing Traps

Chairman Joe Stephenson has been in contact with the Marine Patrol regarding abandoned fishing traps. Marine Patrol said there is a requirement for the City to protect the public safety at the Pier with any items that are stored. The issue of molesting traps comes when someone tries to take the traps, and not return them to the owner. Marine Patrol will be working with Public Works to set some guidelines for the proper pick-up and storage of traps until they can be returned or tried to be returned to the owner.
D. New Moorings

Todd Stewart stated that there were 3 abandoned mooring up around the cove next to the Yacht Club. Mr. Stewart wanted the Commission to lift the freeze that was put on any new moorings. The members recommended that the Harbormaster issue moorings as he sees fit in the river section. If the people on the waiting list want a mooring in the anchorage, they will need to wait until the mooring plotting plan in completed to see what moorings are available now, due to the sand filled anchorage. Mark Lorello, Don Abbott and Dan Chadbourne will be meeting next Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall to get the plotting plan completed.

VI. New Business

A. Biddeford Harbor Comm. Meeting – Report from Saco C.W.C. Representatives

Asst. Harbormaster Paul Lariviere, City Administrator’s, Police Chief’s, Fire Chief’s from both Saco and Biddeford met with Col. Featherman from Marine Patrol regarding acquiring a joint patrol boat for the River. The Biddeford Harbor Comm. has allocated $18,000 to purchase Jet Skis for Police Dept. use on the River. Biddeford is also looking at a lease program with Yamaha and Kawasaki. There was discussion about giving the Saco Fire Dept. the current patrol boat that Saco already has, and Biddeford would give their Fire Dept. a boat as well. These Fire Dept. boats could now be geared up for rescues. Then Saco and Bidd. would then share the joint patrol boat. Biddeford is looking at ways to fund this joint venture. This single funding resource could possibly come from users of the service versus going to a broad base tax or revenue that goes across the board. The boat excise tax was mentioned as a possible funding resource. Biddeford is also in the process of revising their Harbor & River Ordinance. Once they get a draft, they will let Saco know so there can be a joint meeting to try to get both Ordinances consistent, so rules will be easier to enforce.

VII. Adjournment

Peter Scontras moved, Mike Gray seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed with six (6) yeas.

Attest: Michele L. Hughes, Recording Secretary Date Approved: February 7, 2007