Saco Coastal Waters Commission  
Minutes of the May 5, 2010 Meeting

I. Call Meeting to Order – At 7:00 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 Gary Marston, Vice-Chairman Mike Gray, Treasurer Robert Barris, Todd Stewart, James Katz and Thomas Casamassa. Also present: Harbormaster Daniel Chadbourne, Dep. Dir. of Public Works Patrick Fox, and Council Liaison Jeffrey Christenbury. Absent this evening: Secretary Robert Steeves (Notified) and Dock Master Jerry McMillan

III. Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2010

Robert Barris moved, Mike Gray seconded to approve the April 7, 2010 minutes as written. The motion passed with six (6) yeas.

IV. General

A. 5000 Account Review
   1) Account Summary & Discussion

   No financial report this evening.

   Storm Damage - FEMA sent a representative to the City to look at the damage from the March storm. Dep. Dir. of Public Works Patrick Fox also took him down to Camp Ellis to see if FEMA would cover the costs of the additional dredge that was needed because of the storm. FEMA should be making a decision in the near future about what damage they will cover.

   1) Planned Meeting on May 11th
      a. Status of US Army Corps of Engineers Dredging
      b. Update on the Maine Patrol Focus this Year and any New Laws that have gone into effect.
      c. Chief Paul to Provide Update on the Harbor Patrol Support for the Season.

   No new information.

C. Harbor Master
   1) General Comments/Issues

   Chairman Gary Marston received an e-mail from a gentleman who had questions regarding mooring inspections. The gentleman was inquiring as to why in-depth mooring guidelines weren’t listed in the ordinance. Chairman Marston explained that the ordinance states that all mooring requirements will be determined by the Harbor Master. Guidelines on mooring block weight, attachment requirements and chain link size are listed on the mooring permit application. If the gentleman has a concern, then he should speak directly to Harbor Master Daniel Chadbourne. If he doesn’t agree with the Harbor Masters decision, then he can appeal to the Commission.

D. Election of Treasurer and May 7th Term Expirations

Chairman Gary Marston volunteered to do the Treasurer’s work until someone else is able to take it over.

Mayor Roland Michaud recommended Thomas Casamassa for Re-appointment and Carl Lagerstrom for a new appointment to the Commission. These appointments are for 3 years and were confirmed by the City Council effective May 8th.
V. Coastal Waters Planning
A. UNE Researchers and Students are beginning a Five Year Study of the Saco River Estuary
   1) April 29th Work Session was held to Help Set Priorities and Identify Research needs to Sustain the Quality of Life and the Natural Resources of the Saco River.

Chairman Gary Marston and Robert Barris attended the meeting on ‘Sustaining the Saco’. UNE researchers and students received a grant to do a five year study on the Saco River Estuary. The students did presentations on Water Quality, Biodiversity, Wetlands and Climate Change. They used audience polling devices and engaged in lively debate about important values and strategies to maintain fish populations, balance coastal development, and protect healthy beaches to support a vibrant economy.

Resources for more information on the above, is on page 3 as Attachment A.

VI. Old Business
A. Maintenance & Care of City-Owned Waterfront Facilities
   1) Status of Pier Surveillance Equipment Purchase

This has not been installed yet.

   2) Need Return/Installation of Upriver Hoist Rope

Hoist Rope - This has been taken care of.
On/Off Switch problems – The cities Electrical Inspector has fixed the switch.

   3) Pier Maintenance – Pending Requests
      a. Move Pier Parking Attendant Building Further into Parking Lot to allow Vehicle Access to Window-Adjust Window if Necessary

Permitting not required from the Saco River Corridor Commission.

      b. Pour Concrete Anchor Pad for Pier Ramp area Floats (Needs to go through the permitting process)
      c. Relocate 2 Old/Existing Floats to Pier Ramp area (Needs to go through the permitting process)
      d. Trim and Cap Outside Fender Piles of the Pier
      e. Pier Signage: Use of the Pier Requires a Permit

No new information on b-e.

VII. Other New Business
A. 2011 SHIP Grant - Improving the Pump Out Station & Installing Bathrooms

There was discussion about building a 10 x 20 room that would come off the back of the fuel building and into the parking lot. It would be a heated, with restrooms, and a room with a vacuum pump.

James Katz moved, Thomas Casamassa seconded to pursue the SHIP Grant for the 2 bathrooms, pump out station, concrete pad, and floats. The motion passed with six (6) yeas.

B. Recognition of Robert Barris’s Work on Commission

The Commission thanked Robert Barris for all the time and effort he has put in as a member, the Treasurer, and a liaison with the Joint Saco/Biddeford Harbor Commission.
VIII. Adjournment of Saco Coastal Waters Commission Meeting

Todd Stewart moved, Mike Gray seconded to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Attest: Michele L. Hughes, Recording Secretary  Date Approved: June 2, 2010

ATTACHMENT A

Resources for more information

Sustaining the Saco Workshop
April 29, 2010  University of New England
Center for Sustainable Communities, Department of Environmental Studies

Long Term Goal: Sustaining the natural systems and rich biodiversity of the Saco Estuary region in order to support a vibrant economy and desirable quality of life for this and future generations

Ecosystem Services:
Living Beyond Our Means – Natural Assets and Human Well Being

Water:
Maine DEP Water Quality Classification System
http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docmonitoring/classification/index.htm

Biodiversity:
Welcome to the International Year of Biodiversity
http://www.cbd.int/2010/about/

Climate:
Maine’s Climate Future
http://climatechange.umaine.edu/files/Maines_Climate_Future.pdf

UNE Saco River Research:
Saco River Fish Sampling
http://www.une.edu/research/msc/research/sulikowski/furey.cfm
Larval Fish Study Saco Plume
http://www.une.edu/research/msc/research/sulikowski/wargo.cfm
Variation in Water Quality in the Saco River
http://www.une.edu/research/msc/research/sacowaterquality.cfm