Saco Coastal Waters Commission
Minutes of the October 4, 2011 Meeting

I. Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call of Members

At 7:02 p.m. a Saco Coastal Waters Commission meeting was held at City Hall. The members present constituted a quorum. The members present: Chairman Gary Marston, Treasurer Carl Lagerstrom, Secretary Robert Steeves, and James Katz. Also present: Council Liaison Philip Blood and Assistant Dockmaster Norman Spaulding. Absent this evening: Vice-Chairman James Henderson, Thomas Casamassa (Notified), John Nickerson (Notified) and Harbormaster Daniel Chadbourne (Notified).

II. Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2011

Council Liaison Philip Blood noted that he attended the meeting, but it does not reflect in the Roll Call.

Robert Steeves moved, James Katz seconded to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed with four (4) yeas.

III. 2012 Capital Work Plan Updates

A. Dock Maintenance (Dock Rehab and New Construction During Winter)

Docks will be evaluated when pulled and rehab or new construction will occur at Public Works as the winter schedule permits.

B. US Army Corps of Engineers Dredging Update

Council Liaison Philip Blood will check to see if there are any new updates.

C. Rebuild Launching Ramp/Gangwalk

The permitting and design are still needed. Chairman Gary Marston noted that Harbormaster Daniel Chadbourne suggested having a workshop to look at design plans.

D. Remove Part of Curb by Pump Station (Late fall or Early Spring)

Fall Dept. of Public Works roadwork schedule will not leave time to get this done prior to paving plants closing. This does not seem critical since it was agreed to close restrooms for this winter. Spring entrance realignment and water line replacement will be scheduled and priced out over the winter.

E. Surveillance Cameras: North Side of Restroom & Seasonally Adjust for Winter Anchorage

Public Works plans to keep the cameras in a fixed position year round to monitor activity and use of the city owned infrastructure (pier, hoists, and buildings).

Restrooms – Some of the Commercial users still don’t have keys and were told to contact Dep. Dir. of Public Works Patrick Fox to get issued a key. The restrooms were closed at the end of September.

F. Pier Maintenance Assessment - Bids to Replace 28 Suspect Piles

Pier inspection and assessment of piles has not been completed.
G. Tidal Water Enforcement – Harbor Patrol

Officer Chris Hardiman reviewed the activities on the water this summer and noted that the Saco Police Department was several officers short through the boating season. Anytime they had an extra person, they provided coverage on the river. The Biddeford Police Department provided coverage for 39 days on the river before they also had manpower issues and could not provide coverage. There were some wake zones violations, safety checks, search and rescues and no fatalities. The Commission inquired how much it cost the city in wages and benefits per day for an officer to provide coverage on the river. Officer Hardiman noted it was around $250 a day.

The Commission stated that if the Harbor Patrol had a list of supplies or equipment that they need, to let the Commission know and they would look into purchasing the equipment.

A. Budgeting

The report will be reviewed next month.

V. Coastal Waters Planning
A. Sept. 24TH Fall River Clean-Up Results

Ten people and 3 boats showed up for the clean-up and in 2 hours, they took out 3 yards of debris from the river. There were events going on in other communities, which seemed to draw people away from the clean-up. Treasurer Carl Lagerstrom noted that Harbormaster Daniel Chadbourne brought up the idea of divers doing an under-water clean-up sometime in the future because there is allot of debris on the bottom of the river.

A. 2012 Planning

Ideas for future events:
1) Continue with River Clean –Up
2) Supporting Fish Tournament
3) Have a Log/Wood Clean-up Day on the River

VI. Other New Business
A. Harbormaster Updates
B. Other Items
   A. Thank You to Chairman Gary Marston

Secretary Robert Steeves and the Commission thanked Chairman Gary Marston for all his hard work over the past 3 years and really changing the way this operation works by making it a professional organization with his inclusive style of management.

VII. Set Next Meeting Date and Agenda

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

VIII. Adjournment of Saco Coastal Waters Commission Meeting

Robert Steeves moved, Carl Lagerstrom seconded to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Attest: Michele L. Hughes, Recording Secretary
Date Approved: November 1, 2011