

Saco Coastal Waters Commission

October 1, 2013

7:00 P.M. Saco City Hall

I. Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call of Members. At 7:00pm a Saco Coastal Waters Commission Meeting was held at City Hall. The members present constituted a quorum. The members present: Chairman James Katz, Vice-Chairman James Henderson, Secretary Robert Steeves, Council liaison Philip Blood, Tom Casamassa. Absent was Treasurer Carl Lagerstrom, John Nickerson III and Public Works liaison Eric Gates, Harbor Master Daniel Chadbourne, Dock Master Jerry McMillan and Dock Steward Norman Spaulding. Excused was Steve Reece.

II. Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting. James Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Tom Casamassa seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

III. Review changes to Pier Use Permit for 2014 season. Discuss signage at the pier. Changes were made to Item 6 and Item 19 was added with regard to insurance coverage naming the City of Saco as additional insured to all charter boats. Tom Casamassa made the motion to pass the changes to the permit. Robert Steeves seconded the motion and the changes passed unanimously.

IV. Update on the pier improvement project. “The contractor has staged most of the lumber for the project and removed two of the ladders for repairs. Public Works is working through some problems with the repaired ladders – the old welds were either not properly done or suffered unusual deterioration – the welds were pitted and one broke. PW is working with the contractor on options to correct/prevent the failure of any other welds. Again, the contractor will start working on the pier around the first week of November – working from the up river side around to the down river. Public Works will remove the upriver floats by November 1st to facilitate the contractors work. They will then remove the down river floats in mid-Nov – all floats will come out on the down river side temporarily (we’ll have a float or two positioned on the up river side during that time). The City will remove the parking meter in the next couple of weeks and store it for the winter. The city has collected over \$26,900 through the meter this year – a bit shy of last year’s \$27,700+. We’re building plans for dredging around the pier this fall/winter – de-conflicting with the contracted pier maintenance, weather and Army Corps of Engineers restrictions.” (Notes from Public Works liaison Eric Gates via email for the meeting).

V. Update on the river safety committee meetings with Biddeford. Some members have expressed interest in going to the next meeting.

VI. Joint meeting with Biddeford Harbor Commission Oct.17, to discuss dredging and the shared law enforcement boat trailer repairs.

VII. Any additional items. There is concern about signage directing tour boats to Camp Ellis. The committee is still discussing where to put the signs to better direct people to Camp Ellis.

IX. Adjournment. The next meeting will be set for November 5th. Motion was made by James Henderson to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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