

Saco Coastal Waters Commission

March 5th, 2014

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, John Nickerson III, Steve Reece and Dock Steward Norman Spaulding. Absent but notified was Council liaison Kevin Roach. Also absent was Treasurer Carl Lagerstrom, Dock Master Jerry McMillan, Public Works liaison Eric Gates

II. Review and approve the minutes from the previous meetings. James Henderson made the motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Steve Reece seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Discuss city council second reading of Chapter 118 from March 3, 2014 council meeting. The council approved all of the revisions made to Chapter 118. An amendment was made by Councilor Cote that greatly strengthened the Headway Speed Only wording. The Coastal Water Commissions intent with that wording is not to put people in jail, but to make the point this is a serious issue and you could be prosecuted to the maximum if the offense is egregious enough.

IV. Update on the pier improvement project. Email from Eric Gates (Public Works liaison) to the CWC states: "Atlantic Mechanical Inc. (AMI) has completed about 90% on the work and a bit more. Barney Baker and AMI did an inspection this morning to build a punch list. Off the top, AMI will:

- Install the fiberglass piling caps one the temperatures are warm enough.
- Trim the down river guide pile (furthest from the shore (position FP1A1) there appears to be a knot/blemish that is preventing the chain from smoothly moving along it. The chain snapped twice and the floating dock at the base of the gangway sustained some damage. I'm concerned the severe sand buildup under and around the pier is complicating the problem as the docks are really contorted at low tide. To date we have spent \$87,494 and received \$29,081.60 from MEDOT; the total project is expected to cost approximately \$129,100 with the state contributing \$92,000. AMI did adjust the angle of the down river gangway. The week of March 17th, 2014 we will be dredging around the pier. This will be a couple of days of work during low tide periods. At the same time we will repair the damaged float and replace the decking on the down river gangway."

V. Discuss the disposition of the fuel shack on the pier. Public Works wants to remove the fuel shack and convert it to storage/office space for Dock Master. Steve Reece made a motion, seconded by Robert Steeves that no decision be made at this time on what to do with the fuel shed. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Discuss and begin to formulate five year plan for the pier. The CWC would like to resurrect the Harbor Patrol brochure, once names and numbers for contact have been updated. They would also like to post a sign on the dock to caution parents and children of dangers that can occur on the pier.

VII. Adjournment. The next meeting is set for April 1st, 2014 where the CWC will hold their annual election of chair members. Tom Casamassa made the motion to adjourn, Steve Reece seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.