

Saco Coastal Waters Commission
Agenda March 3, 2015 (**Tuesday**)
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 Jim Henderson, Secretary Robert Steeves, Bob Barris, Tom Cassamassa, Harbor Master Dan Chadbourne, Council liaison for Ward 4 Kevin Roche, Dock Steward Norman Spaulding, and Mayor Don Pilon. Also present was Saco Police Chief Brad Paul. Absent but excused was Treasurer Carl Lagerstrom and John Nickerson.

II. Review the minutes of the February 3rd, 2015 meeting and accept. The minutes were reviewed. Tom Cassamassa made the motion to approve, seconded by Jim Henderson, the minutes passed unanimously.

III. Discuss the expense report for first quarter FY15.

IV. Five Year Plan continuing discussion.

Including these discussion points:

1. Assist in any way possible in the dredging and maintenance of the Saco River for safe navigation.
 2. Improve the launch ramp at Camp Ellis to include greater access at various tide levels and the safe loading and unloading of trailers with piers and/or floats.
 3. Work toward the recognition that Saco needs a full time Harbor Master and vessel.
 4. Examine the feasibility of extending the existing pier up river to allow the leasing of space for recreational--commercial uses
 5. Encourage the Saco DPW to take responsibility for the provision of diesel fuel for purchase at the pier.
- Increased number of floats to align with all the ice breakers. This would allow more availability for charter boat activity.
 - Structures for Osprey nests on top of some of the ice breakers.
 - A written commitment from the Police Department for a dedicated river patrol officer. This would most likely require a financial commitment in the Police budget specific for a dedicated river patrol officer.
 - There seems to be some confusion (probably just mine) about what the fee is for a wake violation. Dan can fill in more detail for discussion. Dan mentioned that there were no wake violations given out by the Saco police department last year.

V. Discuss the meeting with Deputy Chief of PD Ray Demers regarding river enforcement. The CWC asked Saco Police Chief Brad Paul to attend so that way we can see what the CWC can do to help with the patrolling of the river during the weekends in the summer months. The commission is will to contribute to the cost of paying overtime to have officers patrol the river during peak hours of the day on

weekends when water traffic is at a high. The commission and PD decided that we would collaborate this summer and reevaluate in the fall if this worked in the City's favor or what needs to be changed. Bob Steeves made a motion to commit \$8000.00 of CWC funds to help cover the cost for river patrol during June, July and August weekends. Bob Barris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Tom Cassamassa made a motion to update the police boat with a new computer or tablet with equipment for police similar to that in a patrol car. The motion was seconded by Jim Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Any other business and set next meeting date.

Maine Dredge Team Annual Meeting notes attached with minutes. Next meeting is set for Tuesday April 7th, 2015.

VII. Adjourn. Bob Barris made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Henderson. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.