

Regular meeting of the Harbor Commission of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands was held, Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at Borough Hall, 100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following roll call:

PRESENT: Nolan, McDonald, Creutzburg, Hoffmann, Marchetti, Ladiana, Frotton

ABSENT: None

Also present were Attorney Leahey, Harbor Master Bate and Mrs. Cassese

Mr. Frotton advised this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act by virtue of the Annual Schedule Notice of January 7, 2004. Copy of the notice has been posted on the bulletin board in the Harbor Office and Borough Hall. The notice is also on file in the Borough Clerk's office. Formal action will be taken.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mrs. Marchetti offered a motion approving minutes of Regular Meeting held 9/14/04 as recorded, seconded by Mr. Mc Donald and upon roll call was carried.

Mr. Nolan offered a motion approving the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Hoffmann and upon roll call was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LEASES:

Mr. Creutzburg led a discussion on rate increases for 2005. He advised the Mayor had requested a \$10.00/ft. increase for 2005. Mr. Creutzburg said that even though our rates are at the low end of the scale, the Committee felt an increase of \$10.00/ft would be burdensome. Discussion followed and it was agreed to raise the per foot charges \$5.00/ft.

Mrs. Frotton opened the discussion to the public.

Dan Ritter of Howell, NJ said the mooring fees are exorbitant and also requested a copy of harbor expenditures for the last three years. The following people also appeared and spoke against the increase: Len Lemanski, Union Beach, Sal Noto, Watchung, NJ, Debbie DeFazio, Freehold, Vince Lauricella, Bruce Goodrich, Ron Ledder, Highlands, Sterling Levie, Holmdell, Dan Hornig, Ken Lewis, Highlands, Al Herman, Colts Neck.

The following people appeared in support of the increase: Mary Wall, Atlantic Highlands, Councilwoman Kim Spatola, Councilman Lou Flegler, Jackie Jones, Atlantic Highlands.

Mr. Creutzburg offered a motion to forward the proposed rates which should increase revenue for 2005 \$182,000, to Mayor and Council for their action, seconded by Mrs. Ladiana and upon roll call was carried.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Mr. McDonald advised the test results on the dredge material has been received, and the spoils can only be placed in the pit and not on the beach.

One bid for the dredging project was received.

Mr. McDonald offered the following resolution and moved for adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is a need for dredging in various areas of the marina, and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are or will be available;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Atlantic Highlands Harbor Commission that the bid for the dredging project be awarded to Wickberg Marine Contracting in the amount of \$499,50 for the removal of 30,000 Cu. Yds. and \$15.99 for any additional Cu. Yds.

Resolution was seconded by Mr. Hoffmann and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nolan, McDonald, Creutzburg, Hoffmann, Marchetti, Ladiana, Frotton

NAYS: None

ADVERTISING:

Mr. Nolan reviewed copy of ad placed in Boaters Almanac.

FINANCE:

Mrs. Ladiana reported income year to date is up \$331,000.00.

Mrs. Ladiana also advised funds for the purchase of fuel is low and offered the following resolutions:

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, funds for the purpose of the purchase of fuel in the 2004 budget are nearly exhausted; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to continue to purchase fuel for municipal and retail use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Atlantic Highlands Harbor Commission that an emergency appropriation be made in the amount of \$200,000.

Resolution was seconded by Mr. Hoffmann and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nolan, McDonald, Marchetti, Hoffmann, Marchetti, Ladiana, Frotton

NAYS: None

PERSONNEL:

Mrs. Marchetti reported that Al Fisher has retired and will be a great loss to the Harbor.

Mrs. Marchetti offered the following resolution and moved for adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the position of Dock Master has been vacated by Albert Fisher due to retirement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Atlantic Highlands Harbor Commission, that James Osborn be designated as Dock Master, effective October 1, 2004.

Resolution was seconded by Mr. Hoffmann and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nolan, McDonald, Creutzburg, Hoffmann, Marchetti, Ladiana, Frotton

NAYS: None

Mrs. Marchetti advised she continues to get good reports on Security.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Hoffmann reported the Fire Department will no longer be selling Christmas trees and advised Mr. Sorensen may donate a tree.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT:

The Harbor Master's Report is on file in the Harbor Office.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. Ladiana advised she had attended a Dredge Material Summit and obtained much information.

Mr. Nolan discussed his meeting with the DOT.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Mrs. Frotton asked if anyone from the public cared to address the Commission.

William Schloeder of Atlantic Highlands questioned why the Atlantic Princess was using the Swiftcat slip, since the boat had been sold. Mr. Bate explained this was legal. Mr. Schloeder also questioned why the Atlantic Princess was receiveing a \$.20 discount on fuel. The matter was discussed and the discount will be \$.05.

Debbie DeFazio of Pier3-11 asked if the electric meters would ever be placed at slips to measure the actual usage. Mr. McDonald advised this would be done and Mrs. De Fazio asked that one be placed at her slip.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mrs. Marchetti offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. McDonald and upon roll call was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45P.M.



Secretary