

Regular meeting of the Harbor Commission of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands was held, Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at Borough Hall, 100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following roll call:

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

ABSENT: Frotton, and Mrs. Cassese who was on vacation.

Also present were Administrator Phair, Attorney Leahey, and Mr. Bate.

Minutes of this meeting were taken by Mr. Bate.

Mr. Hoffmann advised this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act by virtue of notice having been published in The Courier. 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 5/11/04 as recorded, seconded by Mr. McDonald and upon roll call was carried.

Mrs. Ladiana asked about Clean Ocean Action receiving a copy of sampling plan and Mr. Bate advised that they would.

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

Mr. Nolan asked about new security costs being in the payment of bills and Mr. Phair responded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LEASES: No report.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Mr. McDonald reported on dredging sub-committee and explained actions to be taken.

Mr. Hoffmann said he asked about residents on Harbor View Drive being notified about possible beach replenishment. He said that T&M Associates advised waiting until test results were in.

Mr. Nolan asked about samples to be taken on the beach in front of Harbor View Drive and recommended that residents be notified now. Mrs. Marchetti and Mrs. Ladiana agreed. The Commission agreed to do this now and Mr. McDonald will send letters to those residents who are involved.

It was also recommended to explore ways to reduce water waste in the storage yard; possible a shut off and or a coin operated metered water. The Operations Committee will explore this.

Mr. McDonald advised that five bids had been received for the parking lot repaving. Mr. Phair advised that DeFino Contracting was the low bidder and that T&M Associates had recommended the award to them in the amount of \$93,825.00.

Mr. McDonald offered a motion to award the bid to DeFino Contracting, seconded by Mr. Nolan and upon roll call was carried.

Mr. Phair advised Mr. Bate to have T&M Associates proceed once the Council had approved this award on June 9, 2004.

Mr. McDonald also reported that T&M has resubmitted a lower cost proposal for the engineering for Phase 4 of the paving. Short discussion followed. Mr. Nolan offered a motion to accept the lower proposal seconded by Mr. McDonald and upon roll call was carried.

Mr. McDonald advised he had written to Catherine Early regarding the Holly Hoist for disabled persons and that he had received a reply from her. Mr. Hoffmann invited Mrs. Early to address the Commission. Mrs. Early advised she has spoken to Gene Hinkel, who is an expert in this field with much experience in assisting marinas to develop ways to aid disabled persons to board boats. Long ramps, floating docks, etc. were discussed. The Operations Committee will discuss these issues further. Mrs. Early advised that her grant could be used for other ADA purposes.

ADVERTISING:

Mr. Nolan advised he is going to meet with Mr. Bate to discuss rate information for advertising purposes and also said he wanted to advise the Commission that the Council had approved a bond issue to playground work which included funds to resurface the tennis courts in the Harbor.

FINANCE:

Mrs. Ladiana said she had no income statement to report on, and she is working with the CFO regarding additional Security costs and funding for same.

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PERSONNEL:

Mrs. Marchetti advised the Harbor now has a uniformed Security presence that has been very well received. Security personnel will do security work only, no fueling, launching booth, etc. Mr. Phair advised funds are available a per the CFO, however should be handled carefully. Mrs. Ladiana expressed concern about the costs and funding.

Mr. Nolan inquired about staffing of Customer Service and Mrs. Marchetti advised a meeting would be held shortly to discuss staffing needs.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Hoffmann asked about the pilings on the launching ramp and asked that they be removed by the weekend. He also asked about the debris in the Holly Tree and West Avenue area and Mr. Phair advised cleanup is proceeding.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Phair reported that \$2,000.00 had been received from the Henry Hudson Board to be applied toward the cost of the repairs to the tennis court nets and recommended the send a letter if acknowledgement.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report.

HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT:

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

Mrs. Ladiana said she enjoyed the Harbor Master's commentary on his 40 years in the marine business and Mr. Hoffmann advised the audience that Mr. Bate had just celebrated his 40th anniversary of working in the pleasure boat business.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Nolan recommended a reduction in launching ramp fees for local residents. Discussion followed, concerns about budget and income were expressed and Mrs. Marchetti questioned the Attorney about the legality, which Mr. Leahey will research.

Mr. Hoffmann advised that if this were done it should be done by Borough Hall as a season pass. The Operations Committee will study same.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

Paul Boyd of the Environmental Commission advised that an invitation to meet with Assemblyman Cordemus has been extended and asked the Harbor to be a co-sponsor of the meeting to be held 6/23/04 at the Senior Citizen Building at 7:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss dredging and dredge spoils disposal.

Mr. Nolan moved and Mr. McDonald seconded a motion to co-sponsor the meeting and upon roll call was carried.

Mr. Boyd, speaking as a private citizen said he advocated unlimited public access to the beach along Harbor View Drive if the beach were replenished.

Laura Chamberlin asked about piling removal on the beach and said she was not in favor of public access. Mr. Boyd said the Catamaran Club raised the question about the pilings in the past with the Borough Council. A discussion followed regarding the cost of piling removal.

William Weimer asked about charging a fee for parking on the Hesse property. A discussion followed about fees and control of the parking. Jacquie Jones of the Mayor's sub-committee on Traffic & Parking reported on the committee's activities. Boyd said the Environmental Commission had concerns about parking with respect to paving and also concerns about traffic flows, parking, etc. and advised that an overall plan is needed.

Mr. Nolan said the DOT had promised to do study, but had not done so as yet.

Mr. T, Buban said there are too many cares and studies won't change this.

Mr. Weimer said he was concerned about the \$77,000.00 payment Seastreak was supposed to make for Security, he was advised that this was not a concern as the services were not going to be provided and the expense would not be incurred. Mr. Weimer also asked about the dredging may showing spots to be test bored. Mr. McDonald told him the maps are available.

Lu Ann Rathemacher of the Yacht Club reminded the Commission about the blessing of the fleet on June 12th. She also asked about the possible re-decking of Pier 4. Mr. Bate advised that Pier 3 and Pier 4 were going to be decked in the next two winters.

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Mr. Hal Hagaman of the Sea Tiger asked about the possibility of getting Seastreak to reduce the number of their trips. The Commission agreed they would consider this.

At 8:30 P.M. Mr. Hoffmann advised the Commission would go into Executive Session.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Atlantic Highlands Harbor Commission is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Commissioners of the Atlantic Highlands Harbor Commission to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-4-12b and designated below:

Litigation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Atlantic Highlands Harbor Commission, assembled in public session on June 8, 2004 that it proceed into Executive Session for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon determination of the Commissioners that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Resolution was seconded by Mrs. Marchetti and carried upon the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

Regular Meeting re-convened at 9:00 P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00P.M.



Harbor Master