

Regular meeting of the Harbor Commission of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands was held Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at Borough Hall, 100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey.

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

PRESENT: Hoffmann, McDonald, Eaton, Curry, Marchetti, Doyle, Frotton

ABSENT: Attorney Corodemus who was excused.

Also present were Mr. Hubeny, Harbormaster Bate, Assistant Harbormaster Amici, and Mrs. Cassese.

Mr. Eaton was not present at roll call but arrived at the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Mrs. Frotton announced that this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act by virtue of the Annual Schedule Notice of January 13, 2009. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Frotton read letter from A.H. Yacht Club inviting members to the Blessing of the fleet on June 13 at 1300 hours and an open house at the club immediately following the ceremony.

Mrs. Frotton read letter from A.H. Chamber of Commerce welcoming the Commission back as a member. Mrs. Frotton asked Mr. Amici to represent the Commission at the Chamber meetings.

Mrs. Frotton read letter from A.H. Recreation Committee requesting to use the lawn area on June 19th; July 16^h and August 20th at 7:00 PM to have a "movie in the Harbor." The request was granted.

Mrs. Frotton read letter from Daniel Ritter. The letter was referred to the Operations Committee.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mrs. Marchetti offered a motion approving minutes of the Regular Meeting held 5/12/09 as recorded, seconded by Mr. Hoffmann and upon roll call was carried. Mr. Doyle abstained.

Mr. Curry offered a motion approving the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Doyle and upon roll call was unanimously carried.

Mr. Doyle asked to be excused from the meeting at 7:30PM but before leaving reported the budget would be passed by Council tomorrow night.

Mrs. Frotton invited Justin Thomas to join the meeting for the presentation of his proposed Eagle Scout Project – Trail fitness stations.

Justin presented a construction plan of the station and a map of the propose location. He also discussed funding and asked the Commission for some help. Mrs. Frotton suggested that Justin contact some local business for donations and the Commission would match those contributions. Justin was also advised to contact our local building department for input.

Mr. McDonald offered a motion for Justin to go forward with the project, seconded by Mrs. Marchetti and upon roll call was unanimously carried.

Justin thanked the Commission for their time.

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CLEAN MARINA:

Mrs. Marchetti reported that there were three violations this month and summonses would now be issued for any violations.

Mrs. Marchetti also discussed the odor coming from the dumpsters. Mr. Hubeny advised this matter has been addressed.

Mr. Bate reported the pump-out boat sponsored by the Baykeeper should be in operation by mid-July.

OPERATIONS:

Mr. McDonald advised fuel prices are on the rise.

A discussion was held on Harbor Improvements, Pier 8 and Pier 9. Mr. Bate advised he has drawn a new plan, and if approved could be completed by next spring.

LEASES:

Mr. Eaton advised he is still awaiting contact from Seastreak regarding their lease renewal.

PERSONNEL/PLANNING:

Mr. Curry reported the Assistant Harbormaster is settling in.

SPECIAL EVENTS FIREWORKS:

No report.

Mr. Hoffmann asked Mr. Hubeny to order the plaques for the Deck The Docks prizes.

LONG TERM PLANNING: No report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Corodemus forwarded the following report: awaiting contact from Seastreak regarding their lease renewal. Litigation: one complaint pending for unpaid bills. Tideland Council – awaiting decision by Harbor Master whether to proceed pending reconfiguration of Piers 8 and 9.

HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT: The Harbor Master's report is on file in the Harbor Office for reference.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

Emily Smith representing the Yacht Club apologized for club members not being present at the meeting as planned and they would attend the August 11th meeting.

Mrs. Frotton announced the Commission would now go into Executive Session, the Regular meeting would re-convene and no formal action would be taken at that time.

At 8:15 PM Mr. McDonald offered the following resolution and moved for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO.11/09
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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WHEREAS, the Harbor Commission of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands 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. 10:4-12b and designated below:

Potential litigation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Atlantic Highlands Harbor Commission assembled in public session on June 9, 2009 that it proceed into Executive Session for discussion of matters relating to the specific item listed 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 Mr. Curry and was carried upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hoffmann, McDonald, Eaton, Curry, Marchetti, Doyle, Frotton

NAYS: None

Regular meeting re-convened at 8:25 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Curry offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hoffmann and upon roll call was unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Carol Cassese
Secretary

