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● **Harbor Committee Meeting**

Place: Virtual Technology via Zoom

Date: Tuesday October 20, , 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 pm

Old Business

1. Update from Harbormaster on Harbor Improvements for 2020. We budgeted for 2020 an amount of 8000. however the Cost of Repair to the Dock came in at 7000.
2. Mike reported on the Little Beach Dredge Project which was conducted 3 yrs ago-it appears that the sand has not filled in again as of this date.
3. Report from Mike Tortolani for a successful Boating Season 2020 with Caronavirus Pandemic Restrictions. Dock was removed for the 2020 season on 10/10/2020.
4. Report voiced Concerns about continued Kayaks being left on Little Beach with no registration of any sort. Mike suggested we institute some form of Registration so that we have the Contact Info of these vessels.
5. Update from George Monahan's Proposal to engage an Engineering Firm to Inspect & Evaluate the Pier and floating Dock -cost of Project was \$5205. The Harbormaster and boaters felt this was not necessary at this time.
6. Joe Thomas volunteered that he would ask Atlantic Marine to inspect the Dock and give us their opinion as to any necessary repairs to these structures since they had just completed the repairs to the Dock Pilings. This is in preparation for any projected repair costs going forward.

New Business

1. Discussion of any Repairs necessary for 2021 Season.
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2. Discussion of Increase in Mooring Fees to build up Harbor Improvement Capital improvement Budget. Current amount in Fund is \$ 14313.05 after paying Atlantic Marine for work completed.
3. Chair Anita Langer questioned whether we should raise Mooring Fees for 2021 Season to increase the rate of Capital for the Capital Improvement Harbor Fund needed over a 5 year projection.
4. The Boaters felt they could subsidize any repairs with a "one time assessment" to the Mooring Holders for any projected loss since the Harbor is Self Funded. Joe Thomas spoke to an assessment to all Boaters for added expense items.
5. The Chair expressed concern that the rate of Build- up for the Harbor Capital Improvement Fund is insufficient and asked the Group to do some projections of Harbor Capital Costs over the next 5 years.
6. The Chair gave examples of raising fees by 50 dollars per year which would raise 16250 per year and by 100. Dollars per year which would raise 19,500. per year. Average yearly cost to maintain the Harbor is 7200. per year with any excess going into the BSFD Harbor Capital Improvement Fund not the General Fund. We are currently putting 5800 per year into the Harbor Capital Improvement Fund. This would yield 29000 in 5 yrs plus the balance of 14000. Year which would give us 43,000. In 5 years.
7. Alternate fees were discussed such as a Registration for Kayaks on the Beach and raising Ramp Fees to raise more Capital.
8. Since we needed further input on costs(Joe Thomas to get some Info from Atlantic Marine) and the legality in our By-Laws to assess Mooring Holders regarding added Assessments, the Chair will call another meeting around February 2021 before setting Mooring, Ramp and Kayak Fees for the 2021 Season. Mike (Harbormaster) said he does not send out Mooring Forms until 4/1 so we had time to plan further.
9. As of this meeting the Committee is Anita Langer Chair, Janice McClanaghan Vice Chair and Mike Tortolani, Harbormaster as per Paul Farley Chair of the BSFD Council due to clarification needed from the AG's Office regarding Committees and their status as Public Bodies.



Next Meeting Agenda Item:

1. Any Harbor Repair Costs and Harbor Projection Costs over 5 year Period. Set Mooring, WaitList, Ramp Fees and look into Instituting a Kayak Fee for the 2021 Season.
2. Clarification from the AG's Office regarding Public Body Status and the appointment of Committees to meet the Open Meetings Laws in the State of Rhode Island.