



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Harbors and Ports Advisory Board

Thursday, October 15, 2020

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Public in attendance by phone: Daniel Cardenas, Mike Schwartz

Borough staff in attendance: Harbormaster Wollen, Assembly Liaison Meucci

Present 5 – Board Members Newman, Roberge, Martin, Knight and Stromdahl

By Phone – Board Member Murgas

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November 22, 2019 meeting

Attachments:

The minutes of November 22, 2019 were unanimously approved.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved with the addition of Scow Bay development authority under Discussion Items.

4. Persons to be Heard Related to the Agenda

Chairman Martin invited Daniel Cardenas to speak to during Discussion Item A. Houseboats, Floathouse and Live-Aboards.

5. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to the Agenda

No views were shared

6. Staff Report

Harbormaster's Report

Attachments:

Harbormaster Wollen reviewed her written report, which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

7. Unfinished Business

No unfinished Business was addressed.

8. New Business

A. Hofstad Warehouse and Property on Skylark Way

Harbormaster Wollen briefed the Board on the offer made by Melinda and Albert Hofstad giving the Borough the opportunity to purchase their warehouse and property on Skylark Way and Manager Giesbrecht's request for the Harbor Board's position on such purchase. After Board discussion, they asked Harbormaster Wollen to inform the Manager that they were not interested in pursuing purchase of these properties on behalf of the Harbor Department.

B. Schwartz Family Property at 412 S. Nordic Drive

Harbormaster Wollen briefed the Board on the offer made by the Mike Schwartz Family giving the Borough the opportunity to purchase the waterfront property adjacent to the South Harbor southern parking lot and the Assembly's request for the Harbor Board's position on such purchase. After Board discussion and an exchange of information with Mike Schwartz the Board asked Assembly Liaison to report to the Assembly that the Board was not interested in pursuing purchase of this partial of property on behalf of the Harbor Department.

C. Ocean Beauty Property

Harbormaster Wollen briefed the Board on communication the Borough Manager had recently had with the realtor for the Ocean Beauty Seafoods Facility and the Managers request for the Harbor Board's position of interest for any or all portions of the property for sale. After Board discussion, Harbormaster Wollen was asked to report to the Manager that there was no interest in pursuing purchase of any partials of property for sale by Ocean Beauty Seafoods on behalf of the Harbor Department.

9. Communication

Communications received from John Murgas were decided to be moved to Discussion Item B

10. Discussion Items

A. Houseboats, Floathouses and Live-Aboards: Explanation of Current Policies

Chairman Martin invited Daniel Cardenas to speak. Mr. Cardenas requested the Board review the Borough Code and consider allowing houseboats in the Harbor under permanent moorage status. Harbormaster Wollen was asked to explain current policies and review code. The Board discussed the viability of allowing floating structures into the system, identifying some challenges and possible opportunities it might bring. Members of the Board wanted to discuss it further at a future meeting.

B. Scow Bay Management Authority

Chairman Martin invited Member Murgas to speak. Mr. Murgas requested clarification on who has authority of any future development of the Scow Bay area owned by the Borough. He was under the impression that Harbormaster Wollen had told him PEDC had authority for all future development. Harbormaster Wollen clarified that all development is authorized by the Borough Assembly.

Discussion moved to questions concerning using existing Launch areas as loading facilities for larger landing crafts. Harbormaster Wollen expressed concern for the possible future need of a landing site for loading these vessels if the requests became more frequent. She is in conversation with Murph Engineering for a cost estimate should more information on site location and costs associated with building a landing be needed. Board asked to continue to be informed of any discussion.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm.