



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Harbors and Ports Advisory Board

Friday, April 15, 2022

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

PRESENT

Board Chair Bob Martin, Board Member Casey Knight, Board Member Don Spigelmyre, Board Member Jim Stromdahl, Board Member Scott Roberge, Board Member Scott Newman

Assembly Liaison Jeff Meucci

ABSENT

Board Member Daniel Cardenas

Public in attendance: KFSK reporter, Pilot reporter, Raleigh Cook, John Murgas, Ricky Perkins, Alan Murph, Brandon Alison and Dave Kensinger

Staff: Harbormaster via Zoom and Manager Giesbrecht

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the February 2, 2022 Minutes Regular meeting were approved, as submitted.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Agenda was unanimously approved with an addition under Board Discussion of acknowledgement of a violation of the open meeting act.

4. Persons to be Heard Related to the Agenda

John Murgas thanked the Board and made comments in support of the Papke's Landing project. He stated that the project is ideal for granting agencies criteria and asked the road system configuration be looked at to support the increased traffic.

Dave Kensinger addressed the Board in support of the Papke's Landing project and agreed that the proposed design is ideal for public funding. He mentioned tasks include Borough seeking property transfer from State and Federal agencies, finding granting sources for new construction and identifying all users including Service Area 1, Lodge customers and those that use it as a transportation transfer site from multiple communities in SE.

Brandon Allison, owner of Majestic Eagle Lodge, spoke to the importance of the facility to his livelihood and is not opposed to having to pay a user fee.

5. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to the Agenda

No views were shared.

6. Harbormaster Report

A. April 2022 Harbormaster Report

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

7. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was addressed.

8. New Business

A. Review and comments on Conceptual drawings of Papke's Land Development:

Engineer Alan Murph presented the proposed conceptual drawing to the Board and explained the phased design approach. The Board fielded questions from members and attendees in the audience to Mr. Murph and Manager Giesbrecht during the discussion. The board raised concerns on funding as related to operation and maintenance after new construction. The board voted unanimously recommending that the Assembly continue to keep the public comment period open.

Voting Yea: Board Chair Martin, Board Member Knight, Board Member Spigelmyre, Board Member Stromdahl, Board Member Roberge

9. Communications

No communications were received.

10. Discussion Items

Chairman Martin stated that a pervious informal tour violated the open meetings act due to a number of Harbor Board members in attendance. He apologized and said the Board will refrain from such a mistake again.

11. Adjourn

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:03 pm.

April 2022 Harbormaster Report

Staff: We have hired a temporary maintenance person, Sam Zimmerman to help with spring clean up and help carry us over while we interview possible candidates for filling our

Dredge update: The USACE has the South Harbor bid project open until mid- June with the project start date expected to occur mid- October when in water work can commence. The Harbor Enterprise Fund has committed \$1 million to this phase upfront with the remainder due after bid opening when the contracted costs are formalized. At this point, we will know how much of the local portion can be accomplished.

PETRO Trade update: The environmental agency that has been hired by the Borough to articulate the finding of DEC has reported that the area is fine for the intended use. A final report that will include final clean up will be sent to the Manager at some point this year and will be circulated for review.

All three harbors are almost completely full. Waiting lists are building. Transient traffic has started earlier this year.

Misc:

-Staff is getting a jump on ordering a new flatbed with a supplemental budget request in the 3rd reading for Mon's Assembly mtg.

-Borough Manager reviewed the Harbor Budget and did not have any comments. Note the General Fund will be under a microscope as it came in above estimated revenue.

-Tour ship schedule has stabilized and looking like 105 stops this season.

-Am working with Tamico to replace a couple busted fender piles at the Crane Dock. Alaskan Girl's throttle stuck and hit damaging a couple on the north side last week.

-USCG surprised us with their annual Homeland Security spot check last week. They reviewed our operations manual and posted areas, we passed with no issues.

-Maintenance is focused on spring cleaning when not pulled different directions

-Harbor Office is suffering from some major plumbing issues in the public restroom/shower areas.

Brian Haley is preparing to replumb the underside of the building next week.

-Business as usual