



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Harbors and Ports Advisory Board

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

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: John Murgass

Borough staff in attendance: Harbormaster Wollen, Assembly Liaison Meucci

Present 5 – Board Members Spigelmyre, Newman, Roberge, Martin, Knight, Stromdahl, Cardenas

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October 15 meeting, 2020 were unanimously approved.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

4. Persons to be Heard Related to the Agenda

Chairman Martin invited John Murgas to speak during New Business B. Budget review and Discussion Item
A. Scow Bay Development Review

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. Proposed Rate Increase:

Harbormaster Wollen briefed the Board proposed rate increases. Board discussion occurred with comments made including, increase seems to be on par with inflation, staff consideration of removal of a transient monthly rate for visiting yachts, and questions concerning the drop of the Year in Advance 10% off payment option. Board Chair Martin gave verbal approval to move forward with drafted proposal.

B. FY 2023 Budget Review

Harbormaster Wollen briefed the Board on the draft budget for FY 2023 and answered any questions. John Murgas spoke for the need to increase the amount budgeted for Scow Bay maintenance commenting that he would like to see a private contractor be hired to maintain and grade the Turnaround surface. After discussion the Board unanimously approved a recommendation to move forward with the drafted budget.

9. Communication

No communications were received.

10. Discussion Items

A. Scow Bay Development Review

Harbormaster Wollen reviewed ongoing project development at Scow Bay that included:

- 1) Status quo for PEDC project submittals for boat yard project to Federal funding programs. Recent support for increasing funding to various programs may result in granting opportunities for this project.
- 2) A recent request was sent by the Borough Assembly to the USACE for a comprehensive study for a new harbor basin and breakwater at Scow Bay after discussions concerning various agencies increased funding have occurred. Discussions are also ongoing with SEALASKA as a possible co-sponsor for this future project.
- 3) Assembly contracted with PND to build a conceptual drawing of the Scow Bay to include development to support the replacement of the local USCG bouy tender. This more inclusive conceptual drawing will expand the existing conceptual drawing with already publicly vetted projects ie: boat yard and harbor to give the Borough a working description for negotiation, funding applications and various agencies.

Chairman Martin invited John Murgas to speak pertaining to Scow Bay development. Mr. Murgas said he did not support the proposed projects at Scow Bay and felt that the Borough was planning on going into direct competition with his business, Island Ventures. He reported that he has suspended any further work on the construction of his larger (75 ton) hydraulic trailer due to the Boroughs plans for Scow Bay.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.