

ELLSWORTH ME HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES, 2-28-2024

Meeting Commenced @ 1800 hrs. Ellsworth City Hall

Present: Frank Pierson, Adam Wilson (*Harbormaster*), Fred Ehrlenbach, Mark Remick (*Chairman*), Christina Petros, James Bergin, Michelle Beal (*Council Chair*).

Minutes: Read and approved

Harbormaster Report: In addition to the return of last Season's Vendor, The Grand will present 8 concerts this season, helped by an \$8,500.00 Grant from the City. However, Mike Slater will not be returning this Season as Deputy, replaced by John Babine. The storm damage to the cribs resulted in the interior stones settling. With no apparent damage to the cribs, a closer review will take place later in the Spring. In the meantime the ice-eaters have been shut down due to little or no ice to defend, and to save costs. **"Boat Launch"** sign is not readily visible, which encouraged suggestions for improvement by change of location, or replacement with a more visible sign.

Chairman's Report: Mark Remick had preliminary discussions with Matt Williams (*City Planner*) who indicated the potential to apply for a \$50K Submerged Land Grant for planning and development of a Commercial Dock, as part of the Harbor Comprehensive Plan. Further discussions will also include John Noll ("Skippy").

Financials: City Budget now complete with the following Harbor budget adjustments:

- Bath House cleaning - over budget
- Lawn Maintenance - over.
- Flower planting - over.
- No increase in Operating Budget.
- Winter electricity increased due to ice-eaters' cost.

Dredge Report: On 2-8-24 the Harbormaster met, via Zoom, with Jenifer Thalhauser, who has overall responsibility for the project, and Samuel Bell, the project manager. Two takeaways from that meeting are that the Army Corp has reduced cost of the city's share of spoils disposal by one half from \$800K to \$400K. And the Ellsworth dredge schedule is tentatively projected for the year 2026, as of this date.

New Business: Above.

Next Meeting: 4th Wednesday of the Month, March 27, 2024 @ 18:00 hrs., Ellsworth City Hall.

Meeting Adjourned @ 18:45 hrs.

*Respectfully submitted,
James Bergin*