

ELLSWORTH ME HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES, 1-22-25

Meeting Commenced @18:00 hrs. Ellsworth City Hall
(Fire Dept Training Room)

Present: Mark Remick (Chairman), Fred Ehrlenbach, John Noll, Todd Bailey, James Bergin, Christina Petros, Frank Pierson, Brian Moon. Jeff Gordon.
Council: Michelle Beal. *ME Harbormaster Assoc:* Shawn Hebert and Daryen Granata (via zoom).

Minutes: Read and Approved.

Harbormaster Report: Harbormaster Memo of repairs submitted on 1/22/25 and approved. Subsequent repairs include: painting: exterior walls; Roofs: bath house, HM shack; level small gazebo; and plan to construct pergola. Labor provided by Public Works Dept to control costs, as per Brian Moon. With appreciation.

Dredge Update: Commission Chairman Mark Remick scheduled to meet with Army Corp to discuss budget and schedule.

City Council: Michelle Beal welcomed.

Chair Report: Representatives of the ME Harbormaster Assoc joined the Meeting to advise the Commission on options for organizing the management and responsibilities of the Harbormaster.

Various management models were discussed for the position of Harbormaster in Maine, provided under Title 38, that a Municipal Officer, whose territory contains waterways, appoints a certified Harbormaster to manage these ways to conform to local Ordinances that effect evolving use of waterways. In some Municipalities the Harbormaster has authority for ordinance enforcement on freshwater lakes, as well. This authority would extend from shore to lake. It was recommended that the position of Harbormaster, by Ordinance or Charter, pending approval of the City Council, become a HM Department complete with budget and autonomy.

Chairman will request suggestions from stakeholders for Harbor Commission Alternate member.

Harbor Vendor: Commission voted to increase monthly rent from \$600 to \$800.

Next Meeting: Fourth Wednesday of February 2-26-25, Ellsworth City Hall, FD Training Room

Meeting Adjourned @ 19:15 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
James Bergin